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The Programme will include Beethoven's and Meyerbeer's Overtures to "Prometheus" and "Dinorah." Mendelssohn's Plandorte Concerto in G minor, and a Fantasia for the Violin.

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POYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS.—At a General Meeting of the Academicians held on Tuesday, the 29th January, Paul Falconer Poole, Esq., was elected an Academician in the room of the late A. E. Chalon, Esq., and Bichard Anadell, Thomas Facd, Edward M. Barry, Esqrs., and Baron Marochetti were elected Associates.

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PROFESSOR OWEN, Superintendent of the Natural History Department, British Museum, will commence a course of SIX LECTURES on FOSSIL REPTILIA, at the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn Street, on Friday, 8th February at 3 o'clock; to be continued on each succeeding Friday, at the same hour.

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M. MUSARD has the honour to announce that he has secured the Great St. James's Hall for the purpose of giving a SERIES of PROMEN ADE CONCERTS, to commence this evening, Saturday, February 2, and to be continued every evaning for one month (excepting each Monday evening). The whole of the seats will be removed from the hall, thus forming a promenade unequalled by any room in London. The superb salcon adjoining the hall will also be thrown open, so that visitors, while listening to the music, can partake of the refreshments, while listening to the most recherché description, and supplied at the most reasonable prices. The Orchestra will consist of seventy performers, selected from M. MUSARD'S calebrated band in Paris, and from the elite of the London orchestras, the principal soloists being brought over from the well-known Concerts Musard in the Champs Elysées. Among the Artists engaged will be found the following celebrated names:—M. Legendre (late of the world-renowned Band of the Imperial Guides, Paris), cornet-a-piston; M. Gobert, first violin and leader of the orchestra; M. Lamoury, junior, violin; M. Lamoury, violoncello; M. Delpech, cornet-a-piston; M. Moreau, ophicleide; M. Francois (from the Band of the Artillery of the Imperial Guard), M. Richir, and M. Quentin, trombones; M. A. Devröye, flute; M. Lalliet, oboe; M. Fabre (from the Band of the Guides), clarionet; M. Araidi, trumpet; M. Pothin, lat Horn; M. Grobard, 2nd Horn; M. Artis, Grom the 1st Imperial Guards), drums. The programme, which will be changed every evening, will comprise the chief works of the various masters, ancient and modern, consisting of symphonics, overtures, operatic selections, and dance music. It will also include some of the best and most striking pieces from the works, hitherto almost wholly unknown in England, of Herr Richard Wagner, whose presence in Paris recently created as greatine. Among other novelutes, M. Musard will introduce the Garibaldi Hymn, executed by the treates of the terms of the true to the cause of the crea England, of Herr Richard Wagner, whose presence in Paris recently created so great a sensation. Among other novelties, M. Musard will introduce the Garibaldi Hymn, executed by the troops of the Italian Armies during the campaigns of 1859-60, which will be sung at these concerts by Signor Valsovani, accompanied by the orchestra. The dance music will include the celebrated Echo Quadrilles; the Cattle Show Quadrille, composed on the occasion of the Paris Universal Exhibition in 1856; the Kissing Polka, the Cuckoe Polka, &c.; the new Champagne Galop; the Express Train Galop, &c.

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The Directors have much satisfaction in presenting a favourable Report of the progress of the Society during the year ending June 30th, 1860.

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1850	£44,027	10	0	£9,557	19	8	
1851	52,673	5	11	8,645	15	11	
1852	76,925	4	2	24,251	18	3	
1853	112,564	4	4	35,639	0	2	
1854	128,459	11	4	15,895	7	0	
1855	130,060	11	11	1,601	0	7	
1856							
1857	175,049	4	8	23,315	15	2	
1858	196,148	2	6	21,098	17	10	
1859	228,314	7	3	32,166	4	9	

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TEN LECTURES on INORGANIC CHEMISTRY, by EDWARD FRANKLAND, Esq., F.R.S. To commence on Saturday, January 19, at three o'clock, and to be continued on each succeeding Saturday at the same hour.

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RESUMING our account of this work at the point where we left off last week, we have to remark that the first few chapters of it are by far the best in our opinion, as at all events giving us some little insight into the state of things intervening between the accession of William IV. and the retirement of the Duke of Wellington in the following month of

November.

"His Majesty's activity and attention to business," writes his Grace, "were said to astonish every one. It was confidently stated that he rose regularly at six in the morning, and got through despatches and other documents with incredible celerity . . . A few changes were made in some of the minor offices of the were made in some of the minor offices of the government, and Lord Francis Leveson (the late Lord Ellesmere) was made Secretary at War; but the Duke of Wellington did not seem to obtain any material strength; and the general election, with so powerfully an exciting cause against the government as the intelligence from the French capital (viz. intelligence from the French capital (viz., that of the revolution of July), was thought likely to produce an overpowering opposition." Accordingly, great efforts were made on both sides of the House to recruit their strength and to rally their followers. The Tories, as is well known, were unremitting in their efforts to secure a majority in the new Parliament; but on the whole, the government last ground largely by the general elec-tion which of necessity followed the death of George IV. The county constituencies spoke out their minds in the most decisive manner. Middlesex sent Mr. Joseph Hume to St. Stephen's, as the colleague of its veteran reformer, Mr. G. Byng; Yorkshire returned Mr. Henry Brougham, after a fierce contest with the Tory landlords; Liverpool took up the key-note, and elected Mr. Huskissen and General Gascoigne. Three members of the family of Sir R. Peel lost their seats, and so did that most rabid of Tory politicians, Mr. Wilson Croker; though, as we are informed in p. 85, "all the Duke of Buckingham's friends were re-elected,"—which we suppose was some little consolation at Stowe. The Duke of Wellington became an object of hustings declamation, but not so much on account of being thought to have exercised his influence with Charles X. of France in favour of Prince Polignac (as the Duke of Buckingham suggests), as because he had allowed himself to give vent to angry and ill-timed expressions, denouncing all electoral reform as in essence and in principle nothing better than revolution, while the British lion had been fairly roused, and, with a growl and a roar of ever-increasing vehemence, demanded an improvement in his daily meals in the shape of "a large measure of parliamentary reform"

in August, 1830, that the Wellington government had already "yielded far too much to liberality, reform, and to Hume's supremacy;" and in the same letter the over-scrupulous

reform." Nor was the Duke singular, or unsupported; the Marquis of Londonderry pathetically laments, in a letter to the Duke of Buckingham

Marquis "lets the cat out of the bag," as to his dislike of honest Joseph Hume, and betrays his perfect obliviousness of the constitutional principle which forbids the interference of peers at elections, by adding: "I am happy to tell you that our Down election is over to-day, and that my son is triumphant, and that our posi-tion has enabled us to bring in Lord Arthur Hill." (The italics are our own). Even the sagacious Lord Grenville, in his alarm at the progress of liberal opinions, "prognosticated" nothing but evil to England; and either he or the owner of the ducal coronet evidently taught the future heir and head of the family to believe that the Reform movement in England was identical in principle with the Repeal agitation in Ireland, that it proceeded on the same plan and from the same parties, and that the latter were obviously acting in concert. All this childish nonsenseit was perhaps very pardonable for Lord Grenville and the late Duke to assert, and perhaps to believe, if they were well nigh in their dotage at the time; but how the present Duke of Buckingham, who has had the advantage of reading the Reform Act of 1832 by the light of the history of the last nine and twenty years, can bring himself, in the year of grace 1861, to endorse such antiquated rubbish as even approximately true, is a question which fairly passes our comprehension, or at least would pass it, were we not aware that the highest titles in the House of Lords are not always accompanied by the largest

amount of cerebral development.

It is well known that soon after the meeting of Parliament, it was the intention of the King to have gone in state to dine with the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at the annual civic banquet at Guildhall. Our readers will not have forgotten that the con-templated visit of the King to the city was postponed by the Duke of Wellington's advice, on account of a well-grounded fear of a popular outbreak, and that the policy and prudence of the minister were severely called in question at the time for disappointing the popular expec-tation of a sight of royalty feeding in propria persona at the aldermanic table. As they are at hand, we may as well place on record here the observations of Lord Brougham upon the conduct and character of the noble Duke in this matter, though they are to be found on reference to "Hansard":—"Mr. Brougham did not think a sufficient reason had been given for keeping his Majesty away from the Lord Mayor's dinner; and he expressed a regret that the Duke of Wellington should have ever departed from his own peculiar sphere into the labyrinth of politics, with an attempt to shine as a great statesman—a character which nature, who had formed him for a great general, had never intended that he should become." We leave to Lord Brougham—as he is still alive and well able to a wear him. Brougham did not think a sufficient reason had is still alive and well able to argue his own case—the task of reconciling this unfortunate prophecy, not only with the subsequent career of the Duke, and with the character which he gained as the great unpaid counsellor of the state under several administrations, but also with his own eulogistic remarks upon the great Duke, in his magnificent speech at the Walmer banquet in 1839; and we would beg our readers to contrast the awkward fix in which King William IV. found himself on the first 9th of November after his accession to the throne, with the burst of popular enthusiasm which saluted his niece and successor, our which satured his friece and successor, our present Queen, when she paid her first state visit to the loyal citizens and merchants of London on that day seven years. But we are anticipating matters, and, what is worse, wandering from our subject too.

We learn that, owing to the prevailing discontent in the manufacturing and rural districts, so great was the panic abroad in the nation, that this same month (Nov., 1830,) the late Duke of Buckingham not only thought it desirable to encourage, but urged upon the Duke of Wellington, the enrolment of volunteer corps throughout the kingdom; but that the Duke's characteristic jealousy on behalf of his "profession" induced him to throw cold water on the question, and to write to Stowe stating that it was "thought write to Stowe stating that it was "thought better not to give further encouragement of [to (?)] further offers of the kind at present." The truth is, as remarked in p. 126, that the iron Duke "held his political opponents too cheap," and could not be brought to consider them worth the expense and trouble of organising regiments, the management of which might creatly increase the administration. which might greatly increase the administrative labours of the government, without affording that reliable support which it could demand only from the regular militia force of the country.

The Tory government, as our readers are aware, being defeated on their civil list, resigned in this month, and gave place to Lord Grey and his colleagues, who, with the exception of a slight break in the winter of 1834-35, continued to occupy Downing Street and Whitehall till the autumn of 1841, when Six P. Bellers into allowed and provided the street of the stree

Sir R. Peel came into place and power, with a working majority of some 70 or 80 votes.

At first it appears to have been anything but certain that Lord Grey and his reforming friends would be able to retain any lengthened friends would be able to retain any lengthened hold of the Treasury benches, from which they had so recently dislodged the Duke of Wellington and the Tories. Earl Grey, too, felt not only the usual difficulty arising from the "variety of claims" made by hungry followers and petitioners for "places," but also the additional embarrassments arising from the feets, firstly, that his party came. from two facts: firstly, that his party came into power upon economical principles; and secondly, that that party itself consisted of two distinct schools of thought, namely, of the old Whigs of the Walpole, Shelburne, and Portland school, who were for strictly constitutional progress and moderate instalments of reference and also of the edge. ments of reform, and also of the advanced Liberal or Radical school, who were anxious to push on the advantage already gained, and to carry the war further into the enemy's country—men of whom the Earl of Radnor was, and possibly still is, perhaps the fairest type among the peers. The Duke of fairest type among the peers. The Duke of Buckingham resigned with his chief; but one hanger-on of the family, who had held office under Wellington, continued to find a place under the Grey administration-we mean Mr. C. W. Williams Wynn; and he seems to have put the great man at Stowe on fairly good terms with the more moderate section of the new government, and to have kept him still acquainted from time to time with what was going on in the political world. Experi-ence has taught us that Whigs and Conserence has taught us that Wings and Conservatives are much the same after all; and the Whigs, or rather that portion of them represented by Lord Grey, had clearly no intention of interfering with the civil list to any important extent. It was only a question of "innings"—the old story of the "ins" and the "outs" was about to be enacted afresh; and the acceptance and tenure of an official post in both administrations by Lord Palmer-ston and Mr. Wynn is in itself a proof that there was no special difference between any

Memoirs of the Courts and Cabinets of William IV. and Victoria. By the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, K.G. Two Vols. (London: Hurst and Blackett. 1960.)

^{*} Another relative, Lord Nugent, became a Lord of the Treasury; but he was always a Liberal, and had all along kept aloof from the family clique.

except the extreme section of both parties. However, so it was; and the fates who had put it into the mind of the Duke of Wellington to decline to avail himself of the watchword of "Reform," and so to ride in at the top of the tide, placed in the hands of Lord Grey and his friends the reconstruction of the electoral representation of the country, which they modified in such a way as to satisfy the public outcry for Reform by disfranchising the Seafords, Old Sarums, Gattons, Camelfords, &c., of the Tories, while they retained the Arundels, the Tavistocks, the Horshams, the Thetfords, the Morpeths, and the Maltons, belonging as appanages to the Whig ducal houses of Norfolk, Grafton, and Bedford, and to Lords Carlisle and Fitzwilliam. Verily, considering the consummate art with which the town-bred Liberals outwitted the clockhopping Tories, Lord Grey was perfectly in the right when he declared his opinion that the Reform Bill, viewed aright, was as truly aristocratical a measure as was ever proposed or carried by the imperial Legislature; and our author is not far from the mark when he avows his opinion that Lord Grey's government "was, in its elements, even more aristocratic than its predecessor." We think it a doubtful question whether it was not quite as aristocratic in its measures too.

Defeated in Parliament by the defection of that section of his party which had resolved never to forgive him for his concession of Catholic Emancipation, the Duke of Wellington retired from London and official life to the quiet repose of Stratfieldsaye; and though often urged by others, continually declined to be a party to any attempt to upset the new administration, and to form one on a broader basis. In a letter to his brother Duke at Stowe, it is interesting to see how the feeling of duty predominated in the ex-Premier over every selfish consideration or attachment to party; and how consistently for four long years of exile from Downing Street he rejected all suggestions of the kind, as neither "fair considering the King, nor consistent in himself." In this spirit he writes—

"I have been defeated in my attempt to serve the public. I will not say that I will not serve again, as I am going into Hants to serve the King in another capacity as soon as I shall be relieved of the government; but this I will say, I will not now join in any scheme for getting together another administration."

And the Duke kept his word most honourably. Solicitations of the most pressing kind were not wanting from such men as Lord Londonderry that he would take the initiative in some movement of the kind; and when the Duke and Sir Robert Peel both turned a deaf ear to the voice of the charmer, the latter seems to have been vain and foolhardy enough to think that he and his Grace of Buckingham, by laying their heads together, could form a Liberal-Conservative cabinet, on something of the principles of the Peelite party when they formed the celebrated Coalition under Lord Aberdeen, in 1852. This is new to us, and we

* Lord Grey lost no time in declaring as follows:—"I do not support, I never have supported, and I never will support, universal suffrage and annual parliaments, nor any of the like extendive changes." To this he added the "strongest possible assurance" that he was not "disposed a trongest possible assurance" that he was not "disposed to meddle with the settled institutions of the country, and would have nothing to do with fanciful alterations, which, if carried into effect, would only produce a lamentable collision between the several orders of the state, the firm union and mutual interests of which it would ever be his object to maintain." It is difficult for those who are not in the secret, like carsalves, to reconcile this dignified and truly Conservative language with the noble Earl's advice to the bishops a few months afterwards, to the effect that they could not too soon "get their houses in order"—a text on which the good citizens of Bristol were not long in preaching a rather effective sermon.

thank the Duke of Buckingham for giving us this insight into the real character of Lord Londonderry.

The Duke of Buckingham devotes the greater part of volume i., and two or three chapters of vol. ii., to a history of the great political struggle which came to a head in the spring of 1832, and "eventuated" in the Reform Act of that year. Of course the leading events of this period are readily to be found out by any one who will take the trouble of looking over the contemporary volumes of Han-sard's "Debates;" and we are not aware that the ducal English is any improvement on the plain and honest narrative of those events which any gentleman of average education, and gifted with a little industry and a smattering of politics, could have put together at a few days' notice. The real value and strength of the work, such as it is, lies, like the strength of Samson's body, in a very small portion of the whole; and the lock of hair is, as we said last week, the collection of those forty or fifty original letters of the great Duke, from which we gather the policy of himself and his friends during the innings of Lords Grey and Melbourne, when, as he and Peel felt, "their strength was to sit still." The by-plot of mutual dissatisfaction and alienation, mean-time, between the Whigs and their Radical allies, between the wings and their kandar allies, by whose votes they were kept in power, is of course related in these volumes with considerable gusto by the Tory Duke, who loses no opportunity of urging that though differing in their views toto coolo from O'Connell, they did not scruple to allow themselves to live on quarter after quarter indebted to him for their salaries, and servilely stooping to concessions in his favour, on points upon which there was as great a divergence between themselves and the great Repealer as between the Whigs and the Conservatives, if not a greater one. But these are points on which we are already so well informed that we can scarcely say with truth that we are under any very heavy obligations to his Grace of Buckingham.

There are many other subjects of interest treated by the Duke, on which we should much have liked to have said our say this week; but as we see no prospect of being able to do justice to them within the limits at our disposal here, we must postpone them to our next issue, in which we purpose to draw to a conclusion our remarks on the Duke of Buckingham's "Courts and Cabinets" of the late and present reign.

THE GREAT SAHARA*

THERE are probably very few educated men, to whom at some period or other of their lives the great desert of the Sahara has not been an object of mysterious awe or undefined curiosity. It seems at once to be a familiar and yet an unknown locality, even to one's most youthful impressions. It mixes itself up with our earliest studies of geography, and appears to have un undefinable connection with a certain game in which a map and a tectotum played a prominent part; and yet with all this we seem to remember learning very little about it. With deserts we are familiar. Indeed, the high road to India passes right across one of them, and we have formed acquaintance with wildernesses without number. But there is a "touch me not" sensation with regard to the Sahara, which just allows one to be aware of its existence, while keeping at a respectful distance

from it, and which calls up associations of a boundless expanse of shifting sands parched with a ropical sun, where journeys of weeks must be made without a glimpse of water, and where whole caravans in seasons of tempest have found a grave. The volume now before us very much modifies all these impressions, and while setting us right on certain points of geography connected with this same desert, it contrives to teach us that it is a most interesting part of the world, quite as easy of access to the adventurous traveller as many more distant but well-visited parts of the world. And in the first place about the geography. The author takes pains to tell as at the end of his book, what the reader ought properly to be told at the beginning, that the tract of territory which the Europeans know as the Sahara is not, properly speaking, so called at all. He thus divides the country between the Mediterranean and Timbuctoo: The corn-growing country between the coast and the Atlas mountains is called by the inhabitants the Tell; that portion which intervenes between the Atlas over the Hautes Plateaux, or Steppes, as far as the point where the regular supp water ceases, comprising a large extent of sandy pasture-land, is named the Sahara; while what the English would call the real Sahara, which extends from this point to the water-shed of the Niger-a vast expanse of arid salt sand, affording no sustenance to any living being, except in rare instances to camels—is not called by that name, but is known pre-eminently as "the desert." At first sight it is not very easy to reconcile this description with the course of Mr. Tristram's travels. We were indeed inclined to think that the point defined as "where all regular supply of water cases," meant where the last oasis ceased; but, in the appendix, he mentions the oasis as a part of the "desert," so that the reader may at once assume that the seared portion of territory which the natives call the Sahara, stretches from the Atlas mountains to the last French military post at the town of El Aghouat, and that after that all is "desert." Unquestionably, the most striking of these three localities is the Sahara. Mr. Tristram describes it as "what the north-east portion of England would be if completely drained of its streams and denuded of its vegetation, wooded dells transformed into rocky naked nullahs, and tillage plains covered with a soil pulverised by the combined action of heat, wind, and attrition."
It is interspersed with beds "of rounded pebble and large gravel, besides extraordinary mountains of pure rock salt, which in various places rise suddenly from the limestone." Yet this district teems with animal life. At El Aghouat alone, the population of which does not exceed 2700, there are belonging to the inhabitants 850 camels, 5600 sheep, and 1800 goats. Flamingoes are met with in thousands through it, while ducks, black tern, stilts, water hens, guildinules, and myriads of birds of every description, are met with in promiscuous confusion. The vegetation, after rain, is so rapid that Mr. Tristram saw barley sown on a Wednesday which had shot an inch and a half on the following Saturday. Palm-trees, peachtrees, figs, quinces, pomegranates, pears, and vines on trellises, flourish luxuriantly all round El Aghouat. Much interest also attaches to this part of the author's travels on antiquarian and classical grounds, and also from the researches he made into the natural history and the trade and agricultural pursuits of the district. The Arabs of the Sahara are great sheep farmers. Around El Aghouat they realise by this occupation incomes as high as £500 a-year, sheep fetching no higher price than

^{*} The Great Sahara: Wanderings South of the Atlas Mountains. By H. B. Tristram, M.A., F.I.S., Master of Greatham Hospital, and Domestic Ghaplain to the Earl of Donoughmore. (London: Murray.)

fifteen shillings a-piece. They seem also to have a good eye to mercantile pursuits. By far the greatest interest excited by the proceedings of the travellers was among those who entertain the illusion that the English government intend to invade and annex Morocco, an expectation they hail with enthusiasm as promising to open to them the trade in English cotton and cutlery. Their pastimes are of a very high order, falconry being freely indulged in by the rich, and surrounded by a sanctity which would have been esteemed stringent by our own ancestors. But the sport of sports is ostrich hunting, an amusement so full of danger and fascination for every class, that whole cavalcades have been known to desert the route on which they are travelling at the sight of one of these birds in the dis-tance. Then there is buzzard hunting and sand-grouse shooting, and other smaller sport. The portion of the volume devoted to this district contains also some valuable information on the progress of the French occupation in Algeria. Properly speaking, that occupation for all colonial purposes extends no further than Boghai, on the southern slopes of the Atlas range. But the necessity of having to storm and hold the position of El Aghouat in 1852, an exploit that cost much valuable blood, has obliged them to place a garrison there, and to introduce their system of "forced colonisation"—if, indeed, it be colonisation in any sense of the word—to Ain-el-Ibel and other intervening spots, and Mr. Tristram says that they contemplate, by means of "military caravanserais," opening a direct communica-tion with their own settlements in Senegambia. Leaving the Sahara at El Aghouat, desig-

nated in these pages as "the last outpost of civilisation," the travellers entered on the "desert," before speaking of which we should mention that, though it gives no sustenance to man or beast, it is, up to a certain point, thickly studded with oases, on some of which stand towns of more or less magnitude. With these exceptions, the district travelled is a curious compound of different aspects of sterility. The ground consists at one time of The ground consists at one time of base rocks, sharp enough to pierce the camel's tough sole; at another it is so slippery that the horses can scarce keep their footing. Sometimes the animal sinks knee-deep into soft suffocating sand, sometimes he is able to canter joyously over a hard pebbly surface, or one crisp and coated with saltpetre. In the more distant parts limestone conglomerate with white flint, disintegrated and terribly sharp, diversifies his course, and dust-coloured leafless shrubs, six inches in length, vary the monotony of the scene. One portion of the desert is named the "Chebka," from a series of "naked, sharp, rocky hills," running at right angles to each other across it, very slippery, and utterly destitute of tree or shrub. After leaving El Aghouat the route is safe enough as long as it lies through the territory of the Beni-M'Zale, a confederation of seven cities which pay a nominal obedience, and some of which—Mr. Tristram does not say that they all do—pay tribute to the French. From Guerrara, the last of these towns, to Waregla—commonly called the last oasis of the desert—it is more dangerous. At Waregla the travellers turned back, wisely, as it appears to us, as between it and the Mountains of the Moon, there is not one single oasis or watery break of any sort, save a solitary well, and that almost invariably dry; and the most interesting part of the desert had been already explored.

Mr. Tristram was anxious to get as far as Toread, fifteeen days' journey off, between which and Timbuctoo are not many days'

journey, and several wells, but the country is infested with plundering hordes, and is very dangerous. The journey, therefore, with which the reader has to do, as far as the advance into the desert is concerned, lies almost entirely through the M'Zale, a mild, gentle race, who are described as "more like the Jews than the Arabs, though differing from them in many peculiar traits." The Jews themselves refer their origin to Moab or Lot; but the M'Zale repudiate the theory, declaring that they are Beni-Ibrahim, or sons of Abraham. Their story, which was only known to their Imams, and is contained in the sacred book, which is kept at the capital, Ghardaia, Mr. Tristram does not seem to have obtained in detail, but he gathered that they last came from Morocco, and that they claimed relationship—how far back, whether generations or centuries, does not appear—with a large tribe, the Beni-Ammam, said to be settled on the coast of Babel Mandeb. The aristocracy of the Beni-M'Zale is represented by the Beni-Isguen, who occupy a portion of the desert, not far from Ghardaia, and who differ from the other tribes in their warlike tendencies. They consider themselves of the purest MZale blood, and are regarded as the militia of the confederation. Every fortnight one hundred of the citizens are summoned to practise ballfiring for three hours. "The target is the face of a rock, which by the practice of centuries has actually been hallowed into a cave of twelve feet deep." Every thing connected with these people is very curious, and Mr. Tristram has not only devoted considerable space to his personal experience of their peculiarities, but an entire chapter treats of their history, traditions, and form of government, which will repay a perusal.

With these remarks we must bid adieu to one of the most delightful volumes of travel that ever fell under our notice. Besides the valuable information on the natural history, geology, manufactures, agricultural pursuits, and traditions of the Algerian Sahara, these pages literally abound in anecdote. Mr. Tristram seems to have been blessed not only with acuteness and great powers of observa-tion, but also with an inexhaustible fund of good spirits. His narrative is full of humorous episodes, fresh, genial, and never extrava-gant, and even in the more serious parts his style is so light and graceful that the driest subjects acquire a charm from his way of treating them. If he is as agreeable a companion on a tour as he is in the library through the instrumentality of his book, those who contemplate an exploring journey through a comparatively unknown country would do well to seek his acquaintance.

THE CAMPAIGN OF GARIBALDI IN THE TWO SICILIES.*

CAPT. CHARLES STUART FORBES, the writer of this-by far the most complete record of events yet published concerning the campaign of Garibaldi in the Two Sicilies—is already favourably known to our readers as the author of a very pleasantly written book of travels in Iceland; and we venture to predict that this volume will add greatly to his popularity. He is a careful observer and accurate recorder of passing events; and moreover tells what he knows in a pleasant, sailor-like fashion, very refreshing to read. Captain Forbes appears to have undertaken his journey not with any inten-tion of taking part in the fighting, but simply

* The Campaign of Garibaldi in the Two Sicilies. A Personal Narrative. By Chas. Stuart Forbes, Commander B.N. (Blackwood & Sons. 1861.)

for the purpose of "watching the changes imminent in Italy;" and was doubtless impelled thereto in some measure by the remembrance of the revolution of '48, when Captain Forbes was stationed off Palermo in the old Bellerophon, an interested spectator of the events then being enacted. The character of Garibaldi has been but slightly discussed, simply, as our author tells us, because "language fails to do him justice;" and this perfection of praise is reechoed by all who have been fortunate enough to make the personal acquaintance of this great man. As Captain Forbes did notarrive in Genoa until the 19th of July, and the insurrection may be said to have actually commenced on the 14th of April, when "thirteen insurgents, taken with arms in their hands, were shot by order of court-martial at Palermo," we are indebted to the testimony of his acquaintances for an account of the transactions between these dates, as also after the 1st of October, when the author was obliged to return to

England.

The frightful condition of the people in the Two Sicilies under Bourbon misrule needs no recapitulation at our hands; and although Francis II. at the commencement of his reign promised better things, the true Bomba doctrine of ruling by terror rather than affection, soon gained such a predominance in his councils, at the instigation principally of the Austrian camarilla, that the last state of this unfortunate people was worse than the first; and a "system of imprisonment and torture was inaugurated more worthy of the Inquisition than of a European government of the nineteenth century." In all this the young King was doubtless acting under the advice of Austria, than whom a more unsafe guide in such a crisis could scarcely be ima-Such a state of things as existed could only produce one result; and at the commencement of April, after the famous conclusion of Victor Emmanuel's speech, that "henceforth Italy must be the Italy of the Italians," the first demonstration took place. Italians," the first demonstration took place. This had been smouldering some time, and it burst forth prematurely in the convent at Palermo; and, although stifled in its birth, it had the effect of inoculating the whole island, and 10,000 insurgents took possession of the inaccessible interior. Inspite of all these warnings, on the 7th at 9.40 P.M., the government announced "perfect tranquillity throughout Sicily, and the government prepared for all emergencies!" It is difficult to explain the apparent folly of the Neapolitan King and his advisors at this time, except his conduct be given as an exemtime, except his conduct be given as an exem-plification of the proverb, "Quem deus vult perdere, prius dementat," for surely no more striking evidences of insanity could be required than those evinced about this period by Fran-cisco the Second. The Neapolitan troops now in Palermo amounted to about 28,000 men, and the police and spies redoubled their activity and vigour throughout Sicily. Castelcicala was made governor of Sicily, Salzano commander-in-chief, and Palermo placed in a state of siege; in-chief, and Palermo placed in a state of siege; but all these precautions were of no avail. As we before stated, on the 14th of April fourteen insurgents were shot, and by this act the government destroyed every prospect of a reconciliation, for it determined Garibaldi to come to the rescue. Although he had not counselled the insurrection in Sicily, ha had promised to help all Italians who would had promised to help all Italians who would help themselves; he summoned his old followers of the Cacciatori once more, and sent word to the Sicilians to confine themselves to the mountainous portions of the island until his arrival. Space forbids the transcription of Garibaldi's proclamation

issued at this time, but we would recommend this fervent, soul-stirring address, to the most careful consideration of our readers, as a sure indication of the character of the man from whom it emanated, and showing him to be worthy of descent from those great Romans of whom he speaks so enthusiastically. The whole of North Italy responded; subscriptions were opened, men came forward by thousands; transport was the only hitch. In consequence of this scarcity of vessels, it was wisely determined to confine the first expedition to picked troops alone, and, on the 5th of May, Garibaldi and his followers, to the number of 1067, embarked on board two steamers, leaving a letter for Bertani, constituting him his agent, and requesting him to forward the reinforcements. In this expedition he was accompanied by Bixio, who had been a lieutenant-colonel in the army of Central Italy during the previous

On the 11th of May Garibaldi and his followers arrived at Marsala, and with the good fortune which almost uniformly attends him, he managed to land the whole of his men, and this in spite of the presence of two Neapolitan this in spite of the presence of two Neapontan steamers, which only commenced firing after the little army had left the town. This bold line of conduct produced one good effect; it inspired greatly increased confidence in the men; at the same time we scarcely think that the General was justified in hazarding so much to chance, especially when upon his success or failure depended such a stake. "Had it not been," says Captain Forbes, " for the passive-ness of these Neapolitan officers, Garibaldi and his officers would have been destroyed."

Garibaldi is now established in Sicily with his 1067 Italians, five Hungarians, and six small pieces of cannon, a few stand of spare arms, and a moderate amount of ammunition; and he is opposed by 50,000 men, a numerous artillery, and fortresses, with a fleet of 900 guns to succour them; he is face to face with 28,000. He is most enthusiastically received by the peasantry of the country through which his march lies, and on the 14th he issues his first proclamation, assuming, "in the name of Victor Emmanuel, king of Italy, the dictator-ship in Sicily;" and his second calls upon all men between seventeen and fifty to serve in the militia, which by this proclamation is instituted. On the 15th a battle was fought near Vita, about five miles from Calatafiami. between the insurgents, as they were still termed, and the Neapolitan troops, under General Landi. About ten o'clock the action commenced upon which depended not only the fate of the expedition but of Southern Italy.

After a severe contest the battle was decided at all points in favour of the Garibaldians, though this victory was only gained at a cost of 200 men killed and wounded.

This victory very soon gave indications of having produced some effect at Naples. On the following day Marshal Lanza arrived from thence, and on the 19th, the same day that Garibaldi appeared on the heights over Monreale, he issued a conciliatory proclamation to the Sicilians, in which the usual promises were made, and he even went so far as to try to induce the influential people of Palermo to intervene between himself and Garibaldi; but nothing would avail: the die was cast, and the contest must be fought out. We cannot pretend to enter fully into all the details of this most exciting contest, ending in the occupation of Palermo, and which, indeed, require the assistance of the maps, incorporated with the text, all admirably lithographed by Messrs. W. and A. K. Johnston, of Edinburgh. Suffice it, then, that after a prolonged struggle, in which

the Garibaldians, as might have been anticipated, suffered severely, and Palermo itself in an equal if not greater degree, on the 3rd of June a convention was entered into for an indefinite prolongation of the armistice which had previously been agreed upon for three days; and on the 6th of June, at 7 A.M., the convention for the final evacuation of Palermo was drawn up, just six days after the arrival of the "filibusterers" at Marsala, in which period, with his 1067 warriors, he had defeated 28,000 troops, and seized their capital by an audacious but well-timed coup-de-main.

Captain Forbes forms an extremely mean opinion of the Neapolitan officers; "poor in mind, poor in body, they have accepted their position as the laziest method of gaining a livelihood." Of the artillery and engineers he speaks scarcely more favourably, most of them being devoid alike of honour and honesty. By no means likely men these, to gain victories against troops led by Garibaldi, and urged on

by a fierce spirit of patriotism.

The entire embarkation of Neapolitans was completed on the 19th of June, the royal troops leaving nothing behind them but ten old usele iron guns and a considerable quantity of vermin. This portion of Sicily having been emanci-pated, there still remained the reduction of the military posts remaining in the hands of the Neapolitans; these were Melazzo, Messina, Syracusa, and Augusta; and to this end the efforts of the Dictator were now directed. At this time Garibaldi lost the services of General Türr, whose wounds of the year previous had broken out afresh, and necessitated a change to a cooler climate. La Farina just now gave considerable trouble to Garibaldi, by constantly agitating the popular mind in favour of immediate annexation; but this was not suffered to go on for any lengthened period, as the Dictator promptly exercised his prerogative and turned him out of Sicily. The Neapolitan government soon found themselves so hard pushed that they were anxious to purchase the good will of Europe by granting a separate government to Sicily, or even renouncing the island altogether, provided they could obtain guarantees for the immunity of their territory on the mainland. This is the state in which the author finds matters, when he arrived at Palermo, on the 18th of July. Captain Forbes devotes his next chapter, or

rather letter (they are written in the form of letters), to a description of the state of affairs; of the effects of the contest upon the town; and last, though by no means least, of the inhabitants themselves. Of these last, his opinion is somewhat of the meanest; and doubtless had the success of the rising depended upon themselves, it would never have been achieved. Dividing the population of Sicily into two classes, viz., the aristocracy and the working classes, Capt. Forbes describes the one as "ignorant and emasculated with dissipation; and the other degraded and demoralised to a degree without a parallel in Europe," the result, doubtless, of a long course of servitude and vassalage, and which will require many years of careful management to change to but a moderate standard of excellence.

On the 20th Garibaldi gained his hardest-

On the 20th Garibaldi gained his hardest-fought battle in Italy, in which the troops fought with a spirit worthy of their leader. The two English commanders, Dunn and Wyndham, greatly distinguished themselves, and indeed they may be said almost to have decided the fate of the battle, by their timely advance with the reserves at a very critical moment of the fight. The result of this victory was soon apparent, and three days

after, the citadel of Melazzo was evacuated by was evacuated by Melazzo was evacuated by the royal troops, they being permitted to take with them their arms, baggage, and half a battery of artillery. This convinced the Neapolitan government of the inutility of attempting to oppose the further progress of Garibaldi in Sicily, and was only a prelude to the withdrawal of the troops from Messina, Syracusa, and Augusta, as soon as the disarmament could be completed. Another attempt was now made to induce Garibaldi to confine his operations to the island, but all to no avail; he had a mission to fulfil—that mission was to place Victor Emmanuel on the throne of Italy, and he could not now think of sheathing his sword until his programme was completed. Garibaldi, on the afternoon of the 28th representation to confine the statement of the 28th representation to the statement of the 28th representation to the statement of the 28th representation to confine his source. afternoon of the 26th, remarked that he did not think there would be any more bloodshed in the island: he was right; the end of this most eventful campaign in Sicily was at hand. On the 29th of July the convention between Medici and Clary was signed at Messina. By this instrument, it was agreed that the Neapolitan troops should retire within the citadel, giving up the forts commanding the town, together with the matériel; the royalists to have free opportunity for the purchase of provisions, and the castle not to fire on the town unless attacked. At this time our author had been informed by the Neapolitan commander, with whom he had an interview in company with Captain Lambert, of H.M.S. Scylla, and the consul, that he had received instructions from Naples to withdraw all troops from Sicily, except a garrison of 3000 men to be left in the citadel, and he expected that these would be shortly recalled.

Captain Forbes is here most enthusiastic in his admiration of his hero, speaking of him as "radiant with goodness, looking like some ideal apostle of old, half human and half divine, who had undertaken an earthly mission;" and surely this is language not too highly coloured, when speaking of an apostle who has succeeded in performing one of the grandest missions ever entrusted to man, in freeing a people from a species of thraldom of which we in England can form but a faint conception, even after reading the accounts with which the public prints during the last twelve months have teemed.

During the next fortnight the Garibaldians were largely reinforced; in fact, every avail-able man, with the exception of Bixio and the second brigade, was brought up to Messina, until the troops under the Dictator's command amounted to 10,000 or 12,000 men; and, thanks to an article in the convention which left the sea open to both parties, arms were freely supplied under the very noses of the Neapolitan commanders. By the end of the week after the signing of the agreement, we find that the citadel garrison had been increased again to 4200 men, and the Neapolitan government had countermanded the evacuation of Syracusa and Augusta, showing a At this time, too, slight symptoma of Com-munism broke out at Bronte and one or two neighbouring towns, but these were promptly subdued by Bixio, who shot thirty-two of the subdued by bixto, who shot thirty-two of the ringleaders, and imposed a fine on the com-mune, holding the principal inhabitants responsible, arguing rightly that they should have taken the matter into their own hands, and so dispensed with his services. Garibaldi has been exceedingly fortunate in the services of such men as Bixio, who is a most uncompromising soldier, and one well calculated to keep in subjection such troops as those over which he had the command. His those over which he had the command.

method of dealing with military crimes was summary and effective, and he has more than once personally restored order amongst his troops by finding work for the hospital surgeons. In the meantime the ministry at Naples was by no means idle, and diplomacy was busy both at Paris and Turin, but all to no avail; the order to Francis to "set his house in order" had gone forth, and it was now simply

a question of days.
On the evening of the 7th, Missori went over to reconnoitre, and found the garrison of Reggio 700 strong, and considerable forces occupying the coast as far as Monteleone, where the main body, under General Viali, were stationed; and on the night following an unsuccessful attempt was made to land 200 picked men, under Missori, to try and surprise the Altafiumara, a fort immediately opposite; and Missori, being unable to rejoin the main body, betook himself to the hills, where he joined the Calabrian bands, and on the following morning the welcome intelligence was brought that he and his followers were safe at St. Angelo, and had been joined by a considerable body of insurgents. From this time up to the 18th of August Garibaldi busied himself in preparing the Calabrias for his reception, organising his largely-increasing levies, and, above all, in providing the sinews of war, by negotiating, through the municipality of Palermo, for a loan of £3,000,000 sterling. Moreover, the presence of the Dictator in Sicily had the effect of facilitating the restora-tion to order of the government of the country, so that upon his departure for the mainland, he was enabled to start on his mission without any misgivings as to re-actionary movements or civil disorder.

On Garibaldi's return to Messina from Palermo, on the 18th, accompanied by his friend, Major-General Türr, who had been to Paris on a visit to Prince Napoleon, he found himself at the head of about 25,000 regulars, not more than 5000 of whom were Sicilians these were divided into four divisions, termed the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th divisions of the army of Italy, the first fourteen divisions being formed by the Piedmontese army. Nearly the whole of the men were supplied with the Enfield rifle; the bayonet, however, appears to have been the favourite weapon. As so many reports prejudicial to our countryman, Col. Peard, have been circulated, it may be right to state our author's opinion of him :- " A more humane, noble-minded man, does not exist, and his deferential and unassuming manner, to say nothing of his undeniable pluck,

have captivated Garibaldi."

Shortly after ten o'clock on the evening of the 21st of August, the start was made for the mainland, under Garibaldi and General Bixio; and before four a.m. on the following morning 4200 men were safely landed, without opposi-tion, on the coast of Calabria. To oppose this little army, there were stationed 25,000 or 30,000 men under General Viali, in Calabria Ultra, and 15,000 scattered along the coast. Garibaldi marched at once to Reggio, which he captured after the faintest possible show of resistance on the part of the garrison, the terms of convention being similar to those granted at Melazzo. The Dictator's reception granted at Melazzo. The Dictator's reception appears to have exceeded in warmth and cordiality anything he had met with in Sicily. The garrison of Altafiumara soon followed suit, and throwing away their shakos and knapsacks, started home. The Garibaldians are now fairly on the high way to Naples; all is both and army in full bustle and excitement; the one army in full retreat, the other in hot pursuit; the Neapolitans being utterly disorganised, deserting

wholesale, and throwing away their arms; capitulating in considerable bodies immediately they had the slightest possible pretext for so doing, the mere mention of Garibaldi's name having the desired effect of frightening them out of all propriety. The chief was now most anxious to reach Naples, report from whence told him that the King's government was fast expiring. The insurrection was now triumphant and universal in the three Calabrias, Basilicata, and even in the province of Salerno, up to the very portals of Naples. On the 5th they re-ceived intelligence of the evacuation of Salerno, this event having been greatly accelerated by sending spurious messages by telegraph to Naples. On reaching this town, he was almost devoured by the caresses of the population, who could scarcely realise the consumma-tion of their wishes. On the 7th our heroic General entered Naples, which the King had left but a few hours before; and, in spite of its fert but a few hours before; and, in spite of its fortresses being still in the hands of the royal troops, and amid the wildest expressions of delight, kept up without any intermission, he drove into the courtyard of the queenmother's palace at the foot of the Toledo. But the difficulties of Garibaldi were by no means over; a provisional government must be formed—no slight task amidst the discordant elements by which he was surrounded. Cosenza was entrusted with this task, and by noon he had succeeded; he chose men of all shades, but none of the more violent partisans. By the Dictator's acts immediately after entering Naples, he stamped his policy of making Italy one under Victor Emmanuel. By the 12th of September, large bodies of Garibaldi's troops had arrived at Naples, and the main body of the Regi had fallen back on and around Capua

Captain Forbes devotes a little of his leisure time to visiting the prisons, of which he speaks with rather more favour than is the wont of many of the writers of books of travels, written mostly from hearsay evidence and as Captain Forbes assures us, "every one here says, and what is more, believes, what best pleases him, the accounts which we have received of the Neapolitan bastilles must be taken "cum grano

We can do little more than mention the affair of the 19th of September, when Garibaldi was said to have sustained a severe check before Capua, but which turned out to be a false report, spread chiefly through the agency of some guerilla correspondents. On the 1st of October was fought the decisive battle of the Volturno; this contest has received at the hands of Captain Forbes an account worthy of the heroism displayed. A better specimen of word-painting we never read, and in our opinion this is the best written of any of the exciting scenes described throughout the book. The results of this battle were immensely in favour of Garibaldi, the loss on the part of the royal troops, in killed, wounded, and deserters, being immense. On the 9th of October Victor Emmanuel issued his first proclamation to his future subjects, and on the 11th placed his foot on his new territory. On the 24th, Garibaldi took the field for the 24th, Garibaldi took the field for the last time during this campaign, on the morning of the 25th he crossed the Volturno, at the head of 5000 men, and at daybreak of the 26th, resumed their march, and speedily joined the advance guard of the Piedmontese, where he met Victor Emmanuel, whom he saluted King of Italy. On the 28th Garibaldi retired from before Capua, and occupied himself in winding up the affairs of his Dictatorship, which was now to cease in a few days. Capua capitulated on the 1st of Novembers. days. Capua capitulated on the 1st of Novem-

ber, and on the 4th Garibaldi distributed the medals to the remnant of the "Glorious Thousand" who landed with him at Marsala. Of these but half remained, their comrades sleeping on the hard-won fields of Calatafami. Palermo, Melazzo and Volturno.

The entry of Victor Emmanuel into Naples. took place on the 7th, and on the 8th of November, Garibaldi formally made over to him the Two Sicilies, of which he had been appointed Dictator. Titles and rewards proffered by the King, were refused; not for any want of respect to the crown, but because patriotism and honour alike counselled it; and before daybreak on the following morning, he embarked in the Washington, and after paying a last visit to the British Admiral, he started for his island home, after charging his companions in arms of the all importance of their battle-cry, "To arms, all, all of you!" Will, this proclamation produce its fruit in due time? this proclamation produce its fruit in due time? A very few weeks will soon suffice to solve this problem, and, in all human probability, we shall see "this young giant, hurrying into a death struggle with its hereditary oppressor," with what result, will greatly depend on the interference or non-interference of the great rowers of Europe. In conclusion we would powers of Europe. In conclusion, we would recommend all who wish to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with affairs which at present divide public attention with America, to a perusal of this most interesting and carefully-written volume.

REMINISCENCES OF A SCOTTISH GENTLEMAN.*

THE Scottish worthy who has recorded his reminiscences in this lively and amusing volume, must be the possessor of an extraordinary memory, as he was born in 1785, and com-mences the narrative of his career two years later. The book is remarkable not only for the variety of instructive facts it contains, illustrative of Scottish life, and the state of society at home and abroad some fifty years ago, but also for the remarks which the recollections of the period suggest to the author. Born in Edinburgh, he commences his autobiography, according to the universal fashion of Scotchmen, with an account of his pedigree, and informs us that his father was the descendant of an ancient race, and chief of his family; his mother, the daughter of a noble family; his mother, the daughter of a hone baron, the twelfth in direct descent inheriting the peerage and title of Gray. Of Lady Gray, his maternal grandmother, Philo Scotus relates an amusing story. In 1745 her husband was lord-lieutenant of Angusshire, and a friend of the Hanoverian dynasty. His pride, however, was hurt by the treatment he received from the Duke of Cumberland, and he swore, in a great passion, that he would stick a white cockade in his bonnet and join Prince Charlie on the morrow. But the good man owned for wife a "sonsie body," who had a careful mind, and was perfectly resolved that Lord Gray should not risk his title or estates by a league with the Jacobites. She took her measures accordingly :-

"In the evening Lord Gray wished to bathe his feet, as he felt symptoms of a cold from having got very wet in riding to Dundee; he therefore gave orders to his valet to that effect. It was then my grandmother showed her strength of mind and farsightedness. She informed the servant that she would herself attend to his Lordship, accordingly. would herself attend to his Lordship; accordingly, when he retired to his dressing-room she accompanied him, having previously desired the valet to place

Reminiscences of a Scottish Gentleman, commencing in 1787. By Philo Scotus. (London: Arthur Hall, Virtue and Co.)

hot water at the door of the room. When all was prepared, and Lord Gray had placed his feet in the loot-tub, her Ladyship brought in the almost boiling water, and poured the whole contents of the pitcher in one avalanche upon his legs and feet. A tremendous yell proved that her end was gained; the limbs were severely scalded, assistance was obtained, the sufferer was placed in bed, and the surgeon sent for, who, after administering palliatives to soothe the pain; gave positive orders that his Lordship was to remain in bed until all symptoms of inflammation were reduced. Of course the intention to join Prince Charlie was abandoned for the time, and ere the incensed nobleman was again able 'to boot and saddle,' his ire against the Duke had cooled down, and the white cockade remained perdu."

As a schoolboy, Philo Scotus, must have been a hearty, merry fellow, and his father's position in society introduced him to many privileges, which a keen sense of enjoy-ment enabled him to relish. Amidst a crowd of pleasant anecdotes, related of that period of his life, a few are interspersed which remind us forcibly of the change which has occurred since the commencement of the century. Sedition was then rife in the Scottish capital, and the boys of Edinburgh occasionally wit-nessed scenes which would be passing strange to their sons. Philo Scotus sallied forth with his playmates one gloomy October morning, to see a man executed for high treason. The traitor was seated on a hurdle painted black, drawn by a white horse, and opposite him sat Jock Heeh the hangman, holding erect a large axe. When the instrument had done its work, and the head of the traitor was held up by Jock, the boys were frightened enough, and returned home in a state of fear and excitement. On another occasion, the youngsters ran off to Pinky Burn, to see several soldiers flogged. Happily there were more wholesome recrea-tions provided, of which Philo Scotus appears to have enjoyed his full share. From school we are taken on ship-board. Our hero starts on a trial voyage, having expressed a strong desire for a sea life, and visits Copenhagen and Petersburg. Then follows a bout of college life, interspersed with sundry voyages and travels, which are described with as much minuteness as if they had been undertaken a minuteness as if they had been undertaken a year or two ago. An episode, in which the author dilates on the manners and customs of the period, is somewhat interesting. In those days the theatre in Edinburgh was usually well attended, particularly on the Saturday evening. Stephen Kemble was the manager, a man so large and clumsy that he could perform the part of Falstaff "without stuffing." Sedan chairs were universally used by the gentry in going to places of amusement, or to private parties. Two coaches conveyed pasngers to London, and performed the journey in three days and two nights. Even in travel-ling to Glasgow it was usual to sleep a night upon the road. The inhabitants of the Old Town were supplied with water by men who conveyed it in small barrels to the different

The next vocation adopted by Philo Scotus, though greatly against his will, was that of a West Indian planter, and in this new character the author has a large store of agreeable gossip to communicate. A severe illness compelled him to return to Scotland, where he enjoyed himself for some time under the roof of his brother-in-law, Lord Doune. From thence he removed to Liverpool, and entered a commercial house in that city. At that time, many of the principal merchants were the owners of ships employed in the slave trade, and with reference to that diabolical traffic, the author tells the following anecdote:—

An acquaintance of mine was the owner of

several vessels employed in this horrid traffic, and on my expressing the utter abhorrence which I felt at the crowding and misery of the poor negroes during what was called the middle passage, he begged me to go with him on board a ship he was then fitting out for the coast of Africa, that I might see for myself what he had done to avert some of this wretchedness. I accordingly accompanied him to look at her. The vessel was one of 500 tons burden, with a flush deck, and in all respects as regarded outfit was perfect; but, on going between decks I found full cause for the late interference and new regulations of government, inasmuch, as even under the carrying out of these improvements, the actual height between decks under the beams only four feet, which entirely precluded the unfortunate negroes from standing up, and forced them to continue, for the greater part of the twenty-four hours, in almost a crouching posture: on my pointing this out, and expression my opinion of the cruelty of thus treating the unfortunate beings, the owner of the ship exclaimed in true Doric dialect, 'Ah, ye'r far wrang. In het weather, the mair they sit the better; and I'm sure næsbody but a supporter o' that wily scoundrel Wilberforce could but agree that the niggers will be vera comfortable betwixt these decks. There was no use in carrying out any observations further than by saying, 'Well, G., your ideas of comfort and my own differ very broadly, and I wish you were obliged to test yours by trying the comfort of such accommodation as you have provided between these decks in the middle passage."

The political predilections of Philo Scotus are not often manifested in this story of his life, yet a strong feeling breaks out occasionally, as in an account of a Liverpool election, in which the contest was between Generals Gascoigne and Tarleton, Henry Brougham, George Canning, and the Right Hon. T. Creevy:—

"Mr. John Gladstone (father of William Ewart Gladstone, now a leading statesman of his country) was chairman of Mr. Canning's committee, and by his excellent arrangements a principal cause of Mr. Canning's success; but an overwhelming amount of obloquy was showered upon Mr. Gladstone by the Whig party for having deserted their cause, as he had previously been a most strenuous supporter of Mr. Roscoe, and as such was considered a decided Whig. For years afterwards, whenever he appeared at any public meeting, this feeling was shown in a most violent manner; I was witness to an instance of this at a meeting summoned for the purpose of opposing a continuance as the income-tax, which Lord Liverpool and the administration were anxious to continue; the opposition to which by the public was designated by Lord Castlereagh as 'an ignorant impatience of taxation, and turning their backs on themselves.' Mr. Gladstone supported ministers, and brought down upon himself a crushing attack by a person named Casey, who possessed a power of eloquence and sarcasm which was terrible to all who came under his lash. Gladstone, who was a very indifferent speaker, made but a sorry attempt at reply, and had to leave the meeting amidst hisses and the yelling of 'Wha wants me?' and other expressive slang. Strange that his son, now Chancellor of the Exchequer, has shown the same unsteadiness and vacillation in politics as his father; and after denouncing the very tax which his father at one time supported, has not only smoothed over his former horror of that tax, but has positively in his official position increased 'that immoral and detested impost.' So much for the elasticity of the conscience of statesmen!"

The extreme minuteness of some of the author's reminiscences would perhaps render the volume occasionally tedious, if it were written in a less simple and natural style. As it is, we have been well pleased to listen to Philo Scotus, while recording his memories of the past, and shall look forward, not without interest, to the promised publication of another volume, which will conclude the narrative of his career.

PATRONYMICA BRITANNICA.

Ir was the conscientious practice of the great Niebuhr in his writings invariably to give his authority, and even when he quoted at second-hand to record the original writer. Mr. Mark Antony Lower, in the handsome and well-printed volume before us, has followed the same laudable custom, but under initial abbreviations which require frequent, and therefore irksome, reference to a preliminary table giving the names of the writers and works from which he has drawn much of his information. This is extremely discouraging, and the more as he borrows largely from Transatlantic authors, copying whole pages of closely-printed antiquarian puns and gossip—not to mention some original essays in the Cottonian MSS.—while he is wholly ignorant, it would seem, of such a writer as Wiarda, in his "Weber Deutshe Vor und Geschlechtsuamen," published at Berlin in 1800; and only once quotes Eusébe Salverte's "Essai Historique et Philosophique sur les noms d'Hommes," &c., which appeared at Paris in 1824. In his preliminary chapters on the origin of Patronymics, he mentions, of course, the "Mac," "O'," "Ap," "Fitz," and "son," but neglects to illustrate the subject by any reference to the Arabic "Ebn," the Hebrew "Ben," the Spanish "ez," as in Fernandez and Rodriguez, or the Danish and German "sen" or "sohn" in Thorwaldsen, Wilmsen, &c., or the Teutonic clan-termination in the form of the Roman genitive case, as "Augusti."

He refers family territorial names in Scotland to the thirteenth century (p. xxii.), and those of England to Norman influence (p. xiii.); but he might have added that in Germany family names of commoners did not come into general use until the seventeenth century; and that surnames were first universally adopted by the nobles from their lands or from feudal relations.

We regret to notice a tinge of presumption and an arbitary style stealing into the author's writings, and we think that he was singularly unadvised in prefixing to the work a lithographic portrait of himself, "bearded like the pard," with hair enough to scandalise the camp of Aldershot, or the delicate sensibilities of the Bishop of Rochester. We always believed, in our simplicity, that a portrait in such a place was a posthumous honour. His former volume on English surnames was such pleasant reading, and bore the marks of so much research and care, that we opened the more pompously-entitled work, the "Patronymica Britannica," with cheerful anticipation. We regret to say that we close it with commensurate disappoint-

Mr. M. A. Lower classifies surnames under various heads—local, derived from trades, occupations, and offices; from characteristics of mind and body; from baptismal or personal names; from the animal and vegetable kingdoms; from symbols; from social relations, periods of time, age, &c.; from ridicule and contempt; from virtues and abstract ideas; from oaths and exclamations; from historical incidents; from foreign names naturalised; from corruptions and change of surnames (pp. xiv.-xx.). Halt is supposed to be the earliest British hereditary surname we have on record (p. xiv.). In 1465 an act of Edward IV. required all Irishmen within the English pale to adopt surnames derived from colour, occupation, art, science, or office (p. xxiii.). The traditionary origin of several names, such as Lockhart, Skene, Skrine, Napier, Crawfurd, Fauntleroy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hay, Erskine,

* Paironymica Britannica, By M. A. Lower. (Lendon Russell Smith. 1860.)

Cameron, Tyrrwhit, Dalziel, are given and properly discarded. The story of Bulltrode, equally absurd, is retained, and those of Perceval and several others are omitted. The following curious statistics are given by Mr. Lower of the names of Daniel Fenning's and Mr. Leech's old friends—Smith, 33,557; Brown, Mr. Leech's old friends—Smith, 35,307; Brown, 14,346; and Robinson, 66,700 in England and Wales(pp. xxvii-xxviii); Jones numbers 33,341; Williams, 21,936; Taylor, 16,775; "so that one person in every 73 is a Smith, one in every 73 is a Smith, one in every 148 and 15 a 76 a Jones, and one in every 148 a Taylor;"
"every 456th man is a King;" and in the
"deaths" column in the "Times" this week we observe an "Emperor," which he traces we observe an "Emperor," which he traces from Lempriere. Mr. Lower deprecates "a taste for fanciful etymology," and has "little sympathy with those philologists to whom the derivation of Jeremiah King, from Cucumber, is child's" (not to say childish) "play." He, however, falls into his own trap more than once, whilst many of his derivations—e.g. Duckrell, Decent, Harper, Jew, &c.—are simple trifling with his subscribers' good-nature and patience. "Aliquando bonus dormitat Homerus;" and Mr. Lower forgets the old confession. "I can easier teach twenty what were fession, "I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done than be one of the twenty to

follow my own teaching."

We must cull from Mr. Lower's long list of names some of the more curious information: Zany comes, through the Italian Gianni, from John; Dante is the familiar abbreviation of Durante; Drake is the Anglo-Saxon Draca, Durante; Drake is the Angio-Salon Drake, the dragon; and Mr. Lower might have illus-trated the fact by the circumstance that Sir Francis named his famous ship the "Dragon;" Affleck is a corruption of Auchinleck; Wilkins of De Winton; Death of Daeth; Maude, of De Monte Alto; Portwine of Poitevin. Several of the old proverbs made on families are amusing—e.g., to live like the Coppingers; false and fair like the Campbells; as many Massies as asses; as many Davenports as dogs' tails; as cunning as a crafty Cradock. A cockney, we are glad to learn, was a nickname of repute, to distinguish the refined Londoner from his rustic

When our author justly complains of the highly reprehensible adoption as Christian names of those of Esau, Ananias, and Absalom, we may remind him of a story which he will doubtless like, as it is to his humour. A clerg man was once pressed by the father of a child whom he was about to baptise to use some improper name; he refused one name after another, and, by way of compromise with the man, who was an infidel, agreed to accept any scriptural name. The father, with a grin, suggested Jezebel; which the clergyman very adroitly, both at the font and in the register, converted into Jessie Bell. This is a better and more decent story than Mr. Lower's "Orson."

It is really surprising that a man of Mr. M. A. Lower's attainments should condescend to disfigure his pages with silly extracted a Lower of a Lower.

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disfigure his pages with silly extracts of a Joe Miller cast, (e.g., Mr. Othwell Wood), provincial puns, and feeble witticisms, as in the articles on Mull, Hook, Bunyan, Bruin, Baynton, Cranstoun, Metcalfe, Monypeny, Post, St. John, Yowell &c. How an antiquery of his standing. Yowell, &c. How an antiquary of his standing can confound an archiepiscopal crozier with a pastoral staff, or be imposed upon by Mr. Botfield's assumption that he descends from a common ancestor with the Thynne family, is equally amazing. For the first time we are informed that the birth-place of William of Wykcham is a matter of doubt. He often wanders a-field to search for far-fetched derivations, when the true ones lie before him, as in Chevion; the arms of the Milmans, three left hands, might have directed him to the real

source of the name, Malmeyns; and under the head of "Cornish Prefixes,' he omits the Penneddockes, the noblest of all the families bearing the "Pen" prefix. The "crossed keys" originated in no "Catholic dogma," but in the fact that the minster, or abbey, which bore them, as Peterborough and York, had the dedication of St. Peter. Buss, we should imagine, was derived from the old word denoting a fishingvessel. Had he ever travelled by any of the old stage-coaches between Bath and London, he would have seen the name of Pickwick inscribed as the proprietor; very probably Mr. Dickens thus became acquainted with the name, without any claim to "fabrication." We must require proof before we reject the immemorial tradition in Hampshire for the immemorial tradition in Hampshire for the name of honest Purkess of the New Forest; or accept that for the Sussex Pilkington. The derivation of Sewell, "a scarecrow for frightening deer," and of Catchpole, from that functionary's pole for arresting a fugitive by the neck, ought to have been given. If Mr. Lower will consult Dr. Maitland, he will find reason not to confuse the easy Bonner with the sanguinary Gardiner; and if he will read Dean Trench, he will find a better derivation for the name of Bigot. We wonder that a Sussex antiquary should fail to commemorate under "Borde" the father of "merry-Andrews."

We have been compelled, but in no unfriendly spirit, to point out some of the glaring defects of Mr. Lower's work; yet we cannot dismiss it without due recognition of the painstaking research, the original fancy, and peculiar talent which he has displayed. The volume contains a richfund of amusement, and a store of information which would in vain be sought for elsewhere. It contains all the elements and materials for a complete success; but if that success is to be attained, Mr. Lower must eschew all attempts at smartness, fun, and humour, and above all, puns. He may find abundant anecdotes to give by the contrast a zest to his graver disquisitions, and he has our heartiest good wishes at this well-wishing season.

NEW NOVELS.

Katherine and Her Sisters. By the Author of "The Discipline of Life," "The Two Brothers," &c., &c. (London: Hurst and Blackett, 13, Great Marlborough Street. 1861.) Genial, powerful, and picturesque, full of genuine pathos and graphic description, "Katherine and Her Sisters" cannot fail to possess an absorbing interest for that extensive class of novel-readers who delight in a well-told story of domestic life. Were it a well-told story of domestic life. Were it not for the positive assurance on the title-page to the contrary, we should have judged, from the freshness of tone and the absence of not for the positive assurance on the titlepage to the contrary, we should have judged,
from the freshness of tone and the absence of
the stereotyped conventionalism of the hackneyed novelist, that the volumes before us
were the first essay of a highly-talented and
original writer in the domains of fiction. Of
the sex of the author we fancy there can be
but little doubt. The graceful touches of
female character, the delicate handling of the
numerous artistic situations with which the
story abounds—and more especially the occasional disquisitions into the mysteries of the
feminine toilet—taken altogether, indicate
pretty conclusively the authorship of a lady;
and the presumption is further corroborated
by the air of uncertainty and hesitation—
almost the only drawback in the artistic
merits of the tale—in the writer's conception
and delineation of the character of the other

sex. The matériel of the plot is slight, but ingeniously woven together; the whole in-terest being centred in the fortunes of the Dacre family, consisting of a father and three daughters. Mr. Dacre is of the "stern daughters. Mr. Dacre is of the "stern parent" stamp, and parsimonious withal— every new comer being in his eyes actuated by felonious intentions with regard to his domestic larder. His portrait is thus flatteringly drawn :-

"Mr. Dacre, the father of this family, was one of the most uninteresting and disagreeable men that ever lived. His freaks and impulses, his irritable temper and volatile caprices, ought to have won for him the charitable construction that he was mad; but there was at the same time something so prosaic and commonplace in his character, so childish in his tastes, and so uninteresting in his caprices, that while almost universally pronounced to be disagree-able, no plea of insanity was ever advanced in his favour."

The three daughters—Katherine, the gentle the dutiful, the noble-hearted, to whose care a dying mother had confided the guardianship of her child-sisters; Anne, the beauty and darling of the family; and Rosa, the invalid, a quick, sensitive, and generous gir—are, as might be imagined from the title-page, the heroines of the story, although Janet, the niece of a neighbouring Mr. Frankland—"a tall, large-boned man, who, under a peevish countenance and peevish tone of voice, concealed a kindly nature"—might also, from the important part she plays in the story, lay considerable claim to this title. Katherine and her sisters, living in a retired country village under the control of a morose, unnatural father, lead, as might have been expected, a somewhat monotonous and uncomfortable life; but with the arrival of a new family at Brackleigh House the plot begins to thicken. A certain Mr. Trevelyan—one of the heroes, for these, like the heroines, are numerous—is on a visit to the new comers, and, in the manner duly set forth and approved of among novelists, proceeds deliberately to fall in love with Katherine. This circumstance of among novelists, proceeds deliberately to fall in love with Katherine. This circumstance of among novelists, proceeds denoted any so-fall in love with Katherine. This circumstance gives rise to numerous interesting and well-drawn "situations," the result of which is finally that Katherine, mindful of the sacred charge confided to her by her dead mother, does violence to her own feelings, and refuses her admirer point blank. Trevelyan, in the bitterness of despair, retires into private life, enters at the bar, and is lost to the reader for a period of seven years. A second hero then appears on the scene in the person of Mr. Nigel Grey, a nephew of Mr. Frankland, and cousin of Janet. This young gentleman, at the mature age of two-and-twenty, is a mighty consequential personage, with an excellent opinion of himself and his intellectual attainments, which happy frame of mind has been considerably fostered by a year's residence at a German university. When first introduced to our notice, he

abruptly, and seeks a solace for his wounded spirit in Oriental travel. The unfortunate Anne, in obedience to the unchangeable laws of dramatists, poets, and novelists, forthwith falls into a decline, and prepares to die of the conventional broken heart—of all which circumstances Nigel is kept in utter ignorance, his cousin Janet, who, previous to his de-parture from England, had promised to com-municate to him "everything that happened," having, for obvious reasons, concealed from him the true facts of the case. By mere accident he receives a letter from Mr. Roper, the good vicar of the parish, informing him of the dangerous state of Anne's health. Full of penitence and remorse, he hastens back to England, just in time to witness and expedite her recovery. In the meantime, by a happy coincidence, Trevelyan returns to Brackleigh, and finds Katherine unchanged. The long-ruffled course of true love attains the necessary tranquillity, and the curtain falls on the double wedding to the good old fairy tale "tag"—"and they lived very happily afterwards." It is difficult to over-estimate the artistic skill by which the author has contrived to strike out of such alender materials a story of such absorbing interest as "Katherine and her Sisters," for it is seldom indeed that we meet with a novel of the present day that can rival this in freshness of thought, sustained brilliancy of dialogue, and graphic delineation of character; all toned down and blended together by a deep and apparently intuitive knowledge of human nature. Katharine is a charming conception; the very embodiment of everything that is bright and loveable in life; gentle, patient, brave-hearted, and self-sacrificing to a fault. The last trait in fact strikes us as being somewhat overdone, and, in our opinion, is the only flaw in the writer's conception of the character. It is all very well in novels for a young lady to give a decided "No!" to a favoured lover, inasmuch as a novel has, or is supposed to have, certain legitimate proportions, and if the hap what is to be said or sung in vols. ii. and iii.? The idea is absolutely preposterous. But in real life we believe—but we speak from hearsay only—that heroines generally contrive to reveal their penchant, and thus keep the hearts of all parties whole until a more convenient season; and this, without compromisvenient season; and this, without compromising either delicacy or duty. But perhaps we
are hypercritical. Concerning Trevelyan we
cannot say much, as, malgré his position as
hero, he does not figure very prominently in
the story. In fact, we feel throughout an
uneasy, ill-defined suspicion that he is uneasy, ill-defined suspicion that he is scarcely worthy of such a treasure as Kather-ine. Nigel Grey is a strangely composite being-a combination of attactive and repulsive elements. His gradual transition from the arrogant, self-conceited puppy, who volun-teers to read "Hamlet" to three young ladies to whom he has just been introduced, to the humbled, sorrow-stricken penitent, is a conception of the highest order, and admirably developed. Judged, however, from an artistic point of view, perhaps the character of Janet Grey exhibits a more elaborate finish, and a deeper study of human nature, than any other of the dramatis personse. Her one object in life is unrelentingly pursued, and even when beyond hope is not abandoned without a struggle. The following passage reveals her fierce, impetuous nature at its culminating point. Nigel has accused her of deception in concealing from him Anne's illness :

"Her lips trembled; her whole figure shock; and her colour ebbed and flowed, from fiery red to ashy pale. At last the words burst forth: 'Yes, I have

deceived you; but for a purpose. Shall I tell you

"Speak,' he said, looking at her in wondor.
"Because I would be your wife! Nigel, hear
e!' And she sprang forward, and threw herself

"'My dear Janet,' he said, transfixed into sur-prise, and even terror. He stood absolutely aghast at her words.

"'Hear me-hear me,' she cried passionately. I have loved you all my life long; since first you made me happy in your strange home. I have lived for you; thought of you; when I dared, prayed for you. My whole wish has been to be worthy of has been to be worthy of you; my whole study to be like you; sleeping and waking, I have had no thought but to be

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"'My dear Janet,' he said, stretching out his hand to raise her up, his hand trembling like an aspen leaf. 'Pray, pray get up; this is very dreadful. What can I say?' "'I want no words,' she said, rising and crossing her arms. 'I want your love. Now Nigel, dear Nigel, hear me. Take care what you do. Do not throw away your own happiness. I am worthy of you;' and she drew herself up, and stood before him, with flashing eyes, strangely beautiful. 'I him, with flashing eyes, strangely beautiful. 'I have made myself so. I have studied your thoughts and your nature till your being is in mine; my love, which I have not been ashamed to offer, and we will climb hand in hand, and with my spirit to spur you on, nothing shall be too high for your

"'Ambition!' he said, shuddering. 'You make me hate it, Janet. I want love, not ambition.

" 'And is there not love?' And there was som thing mournful in the question, and her eyes lost their flashing, and softened into intense feeling. 'Oh! Nigel; have you known me all these years, and do you not know what my love is? Have I not listened to you; shared your thoughts, felt with your feelings, all but one—and even to that did I not give sympathy, though you killed me? Can the fancy of a few months be like the love cherished and garnered in my heart for years? Can the love she gives, a love you have shared with others, be like my love, which is yours, and only yours; and for which every other love has been trampled under

We have purposely refrained, in our résumé of the plot, from making any mention the Hone. His melancholy career, crowned by leaves a painful and unnatural impression on the mind of the reader, without augmenting in any way the interest of the story. With the exception of the few trifling defects we have indicated, we can award our unqualified praise to "Katherine and Her Sisters.

POETRY.

Songs of Labour, Northamptonshire Rambles, and other Poems. By John Plummer. (London: W. Tweedie.) To view society as a whole, is one of the most difficult duties of the human mind. human heart finds it very easy. It knows and feels that there is a touch of nature which makes the whole world kin. But to reduce our practice to conformity with this acknowledgment, or to main-tain, even theoretically, a perfect system of brother-hood, is only given to those amongst us whose philanthropy far exceeds their natural fastidious-ness. We readily assent to the declaration that all men are equal in the sight of God, and yet we are disinclined to show forth our brotherly feeling by sitting next to one of the unwashed in church; we acknowledge that the negro has as valuable a soul as that which is travelling within us towards eternity, and yet we instinctively shrink from the sight of the dark skin, the flat nose, the sensual mouth of the African. In short, there is a contrariety in our sentuments, which shows that we do not yet know what love is in its simplicity. Any bridge that is thrown across from class to class is, in a cer-tain measure, an aid to humanity. If the bridge be strong, it matters not whether it be elegant or not. Mr. Plummer's poems, which have suggested

these remarks, are characterised by very little verbal adornment or metrical beauty; and yet there is so much sound sense, so much sober truth in all he says, that we must perforce incline our ears to the melancholy tales which he tells, and admire the strong logic with which he points out the relative positions of workman and employer. There are several poems, such as that on "Strikes," which prove that he is one of those very bridge which we desire. A Westminster reviewer could not have said more to the point in so short a space. Each side of the question is so delicately dealt with as to leave little to be said.

Mr. Plummer is already well known to many who take interest in what is a subject of concern to all, viz., the social well-being of the mechanic and artizan. These poems will doubtless increase his fame amongst his brother-workers, for they are such as would naturally be more enjoyable to the partially educated sense than to the mind refined by more severe training and more copious reading. But even the latter must perceive that the Radical-But even the latter must perceive that the Radical-ism embodied in them is very healthy, though the style may be occasionally not quite classical. While the very radix of social misery is frequently struck at, there is yet throughout a most reverential respect for those who are merely "fruges consumere nati." It is the taskmasters of Egypt, who will not nati." It is the taskmasters of Egypt, who will not even give straw wherewith to make bricks, who will not even supply their human engines with fuel and oil, that are visited with the poet's vengeance, and told, in language which is scarcely respectful, either to the master shoemakers alluded to in the first line, or to the crowned heads particularised in the

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But notwithstanding this fierce advice, we gather from the general tenor of these poems that a Liberal-Conservative candidate for the representation of Northamptonshire would have a better chance than Mr. Ernest Jones of securing Mr. Plummer's vote, should he happily enjoy the franchise. There are other feelings besides indignation and wrath in his heart. There is a strange middle-age fervour which has expressed itself well in a poem entitled "Queen Eleanor's Cross," a decided leaning towards the Stuart kings, as kings rather than as Stuarts, and a gentle, affectionate feeling towards all that is simple, both in nature and in man. A piece entitled "The Dying Workman" which is full of true pathos and beauty, and another headed "Northamptonshire Lanes," particularly exemplify this latter quality. He somewhat fails in his descriptions where actors from the higher classes of society are introduced and it to the more than the classes of society are introduced and it to the more than the society are introduced and it to the more than the society are introduced and it to make the soci scriptions where actors from the higher classes of society are introduced, and is too much inclined to "sweet sadness" in his choice of the legends which he has selected for relation. We may add that it is a dialectic peculiarity to make "real" rhyme with "steal." But that he has much delicacy and softness of expression, even where the thought is not very new, is proved by such lines as the fol-

"The silver queen still rules the night, the stars still noiseless move, Still seasons change, and Winter's frown brings Summer's smile of love."

Occasionally he struggles in the shackles of a metre which he has not fully learned to manage, but we can always respect the man, even where we fail to recognise the poet.

SHORT NOTICES.

Bermuda. By Dr. Godet. (Smith, Elder, and Co. 1860.) Dr. Godet has not had the advantage of reading the article on excess of periphrasis, or "fine writing," as its author terms the fault, in the last number of the "Cornhill Magazine;" and his present work bears unmistakeable evidence that he is a tyro in the art of composition. Defects of style, tautology, and an excessive spirit of partisanship in recommending his native island, appear in too many of his pages, which contain, however, a considerable amount of information, though it is neither so full nor so precise as we could desire. The present governor, to whom the work is dedicated, fares better than his predecessors in the Doctor's summary of their acts; the black people are treated in a similar strain; while he describes the white inhabitants as "hospitable and amiable, the women are generally handsome, agreeable, well informed, and virtuous, possessing that delicate langour in their look and manner, which is always charming," (p. 147). The public press does not stand equally high, even in this standard of excellence with a reserve: the two journals are depicted in colours familiar to readers of "Pickwick," as represented in familiar to readers of "Pickwick," as represented in the persons and acrimony of the rival editors of Eatanswill, being subjects to "screaming fits" (p. 68.) Poor old England is assaided for neglect of Bermudan interests and her includes Bermudan interests, and her inhabitants for want of appreciation of the Bermudan climate. The Doctor not hint at the characteristic appellation of his island as "the storm-vext Bermoothes," but prefers to apply to it the "Fairy Isles" of Shakespere and the pretty but feeble verses of Moore, whom Dr. Godet familiarly quotes as "Tom Moore." The associations of the poet with Bermuda, our readers will remember, were not of the most agreeable kind in retrospect. The island, it is said, bears the name of its first dis-The island, it is said, bears the name of its first discoverer, in 1522, Juan Bermaudez, captain of the La Garza; but, subsequently, was called after Sir George Somers, admiral of the seas, who was wrecked there in 1609, and lost his good ship, Sea Adventure." In 1612, a party of English colonists emigrated to the island, which was included in the "plantation of Virginia." Waller's chort will in Bernaude in eye of its abite histories. short exile in Bermuda is one of its chief historic recollections, while the munificent scheme of Berkeley College is briefly passed over by Dr. Godet, who expends his attention especially on matter more peculiarly interesting to him as a naturalist and physician. Neither the fauna nor flora of Bermuda appear to deserve any special notice, and its geology presents no particular features requiring detail. Surrounded by a girdle of coral rocks, blessed with a climate almost one or coral rocks, blessed with a climate almost one perpetual spring, fields rivalling in greenness of verdure the Emerald Isle itself, an air odorous with the perfume of cedar, and an atmosphere singularly free from rain, Bermuda, protected and gifted by nature, will never attain that position to which it might justly aspire, as long its men possess, with many virtues as Dr. Godet avers, yet one great fault—an indomitable indolence of character.

Photographs of Paris Life; a Record of the Politics, Art, Fashion, and Anecdote of Paris during the Past Eighteen Months. By Chroniqueuse. (London: William Tinsley. 1861.) This is one of the liveliest and most valuable books we ever read. Its title sufficiently indicates the nature of its contents, and is singularly appropriate. We recommend it to our readers as a book than which we know few better calculated to occupy a spare half-hour. Pleasant, gossiping, and diverting, it may be taken up and opened at any page with the certainty of entertainment, and closes at any moment without regret. The authoress is obviously familiar, to a degree to which English middle-class travellers seldom attain, with the interior life of Paris, and scarcely a ball or concert, public or private, including the imperial balls of the Tuileries, or those scarcely less gorgeous of the various embassies, but is attended by Chroniqueuse, and the various incidents of the fête, and the costumes of the guest described by her with great spirit, and, we can easily believe, with the unerring fidelity which is seldom absent from her sex on such occasions. The names of princesses and duchesses of her acquaintance stud her pages so thickly as rather to inspire a feeling of awe in the bosom of the reader less conversant with society of such exalted rank; and after learning that, in order to facilitate the visit of Chroniqueuse to Versailles, one of the imperial carriages is placed at her disposal, we look at the modest, unpretending exterior of this little volume and its by no means superlative typography, and ask with astonishment why a book which treats on these august subjects comes not forth radiant in all the glories of hot press, and enveloped in the richest of bindings, with haply the Napoleonic cypher embossed on its side and its edges rich with gilding. To female readers the descriptions of the prevailing fashions at Paris can scarcely fail to prove deeply interesting, and masculine readers may dip in these pages without

fear of ennui, we might almost say with the certainty of pleasure.

A Memoir of Abraham Lincoln. To which is appended a Historical Sketch of Slavery, reprinted from the "Times." (Sampson Low, Son, and Co.) There is no man to whom public attention is so eagerly directed at the present time as Abraham Lincoln, President of the so-called United States. He divides for a time with Louis Napoleon the honour of being the most prominent man in the world. No doubt, therefore, biographies, memoirs, recollections, &c., will begin to pour plentifully from the press. The little work before us, with a portrait of the great man staring gauntly from the cover, is the first of these. It is a very useful volume. Besides the biography of Lincoln, which is fairly executed, it contains a variety of highly interesting information in the shape of extracts from the United States constitution, statistics of the free and slave populations, &c., &c.

Life of Lord Dundonald. By J. Allen. (Routledge & Co. 1861.) This nicely-printed, compact little volume is agreeably and well written. It would form an excellent present to a midshipman on going to sea, or rather we should say, should occupy a place on the book shelves of every naval officer's cabin. Mr. Allen has displayed care, temper, and sound judgment in his compilation; and while he admires, as every Englishman admires, the patriotism, energy, and brilliant success of his hero, does not full to point out his errors of judgment with an honesty tempered by gentleness, such as is highly commendable.

Choice Thoughts from Shakespere. (Whittaker and Co.) This volume seems to be little more than an imitation, and a mutilated imitation, of Dr. Dodd's "Beauties of Shakespere." For our own part, we particularly dislike a selection that "excludes everything which may be deemed objectionable by the most fastidious persons." The age has quite enough of false delicacy, without having any further encouragements in the same direction. Otherwise, the volume before us is appropriate enough; that is, it contains some excellent extracts from Shakespere in a neat form.

The Autobiography of Leigh Hunt. New Edition. (Smith, Elder, and Co.) It seems that the success of this work in a larger form has encouraged the publishers to issue a new half-crown edition. "The Autobiography of Leigh Hunt" is one of the most attractive books in the world, and every one must be glad to see its contents put within the reach of all who know how to invest half-a-crown profitably.

THE MAGAZINES.

"Fraser's."—"Concerning Solitary Days," by A. K. H. B., in this month's "Fraser," is inferior in merit to the previous contributions from the same author, and we are obliged to call to mind our gratitude for previous entertainment to prevent us from voting it "dull." A. K. H. B. confesses that, although he fancied that it would have been rather good when it was stretched out, it has not come up to his expectations, and is heavy. We must confess we agree with him; though, when he says, "a severe critic might possibly say it was stupid," we can scarcely muster gall enough to be the critic in question. We do not know that we can find any other article in this month's number which we can select for either praise or censure; they are much in the usual vein of "Fraser," and the generally firstrate character of the contributions appear in it renders us more exigent than we are in the case of the safer mediocrity of less talented serials. The story of "My Last Governess" is tolerably interesting, and the second article on "Hafiz, the Persian poet," is in our opinion the most interesting in this month's issue.

"Dublin University."—The first article which appears in the "Dublin University Magazine" is entitled "Ships in Armour," and is accompanied by an engraving of the French iron ship La Gloire. It speaks volumes for the interest which is taken in this absorbing subject of national defences that two of our February monthlies should have an engraving of this much-talked-of and formidable versel. The article in "The Cornhill" is like the one in

the "Dublin University," obviously from the pen of a practical man, and there is little fear that both will be studiously read, and the merits of both discussed with equal interest on both sides the channel. Tennyson's philosophy, "In Memoriam," is a somewhat involved and bewildering attempt to get at the key-note of that inspired dirge; there is much that is readable and ingenious in it, but when at the conclusion of this article the author confesses to putting down "In Memoriam" as the early Church put down Owgen, without knowing what to pronounce him, we must own to a similar feeling of perplexity coming over us with regard to this article. "Recent Popular Noveley" consists of a review of "The Mill on the Floss," "The Woman in White," and "Lavinia," by the author of "Octor Antonio." We do not see any particular quality worthy of note, except a vein of captiousness, with which we cannot sympathise, and for which our periodical literature, with one exception, is happily free. The first chapter of a new novel, by the author of "Artist and Craftsman," entitled "An Only Son," appears in this number.

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"Macmillan's" for February is in some respects rather heavy, at least its most serious articles are those of greatest merit. First in importance we are inclined to place a spirited and philosophical essay from the pen of Mr. J. M. Ludlow, entitled "Trade Societies and the Social Science Association." Mr. Ludlow is well entitled to a hearing on all subjects which affect the welfare or development of the labouring classes, and this investigation of one of those means for amelioration of their condition, on which much stress has been laid, will be when completed—for the first portion only is here given—worthy of the earnest attention of all shades of politicians. Another admirable article is the one on "Eton," the writer of which has obviously a clear insight into the evils which sap the very root of that noble foundation, and points out the defects with which its system is clogged and impeded in language whose moderation of tone detracts nothing from the gravity of its censure. The Rev. J. Llewelyn Davies has contributed a short article on "Metropolitan Distress," which, following so closely upon the terrible manifestations of misery with which this great city has been so recently swarming, we can scarcely look upon as satisfactory or well-timed. "The Ghost he Didn't See" is a slight Crimean incident, with an attempt to tag on to the end an ill-fitting and unphilosophical conjecture as to the origin of supposed spiritual manifestation. "The Last of the Protectionists" is a glance at Lord George Bentinck. "Ravenshoe" and "Tom Brown at Oxford" are both continued, and there is a second part to the "Reminiscences of American College Life."

THEOLOGICAL WORKS.

New Religious Thoughts. By Douglas Campbell. (London: Geo. Manwaring.) Professedly following in the steps of the famous "Essays and Reviews," Mr. D. Campbell declares in his preface that his great purpose in writing the book now before us, is to place the church and her creed where every other good and useful institution and truth rests, namely, on the solid and safe ground of treason and experience. Full of hope we opened a book which gave at the outset so excellent a promise, and earnestly expected to find broad and unprejudiced views, noble aspirations, large-hearted maxims, profusely scattered amid Mr. Campbell's "New Religious Thoughts." How great was our disappointment when we found that at first we were involuntarily filled with astonishment, then with dismay, and lastly with deep compassion for the author of so unhappy a work. We cannot call this book other than an unjust and malignant attack upon Christianity from beginning to end; and so far from fulfilling its specious promise of placing the church of the authors of "Essays and Reviews" upon any "safe ground of reason and experience," it is most palpable that no ecclesiastical system whatever could be compatible with Mr. Campbell's notions of a true and pure religion; and we have not the shadow of a doubt but that the Oxford essayists would courteously decline partnership with the author of "New Religious Thoughts." Would any one of them call Paul an "ambitious

priest" (p. 11), or the Founder of Christianity an "everlasting mischief-maker" (p. 164)? We hardly know whether ignorance, wilful misrepresentation, or misconception, is to be attributed to Mr. Campbell when he attempts a superficial Biblical literature. Let us trust that it is the last—a bare, low misconception of the Bible, that induces him to make such assertions as these. (Christ child, preserve except in second.) "Christ forbids prayer except in secret; and restricts us to six short general petitions used by the rabbins" (the italics are our own); or to prove the self-contradictoriness of the Bible by arguments like the following: "Peter says Judas arguments like the following: "Peter says Judas was killed by a fall: Matthew says that he went and hanged himself "(p. 172). "Christ says good works are to be done in secret. . . Afterwards He says, Let your light so shine before men that all the world may see your good works" (p. 172); and here Mr. Campbell has not the justice to add, "that they may glorify your Father which is in heaven." Again: "In Judges it is said that the Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson when he slew thirty Philistines and paid a wager with their spoil. Paul says, 'The spirit of the Lord is peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness.' with their spoil. Paul says, "The spirit of the Lord is peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness." The Psalmist cries to God against a great city, "Happy shall he he that taketh thy children and dasheth them against the stones; Christ says, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," (p. 171). Such is a specimen of the logical powers of Mr. Campbell, who, in a chapter devoted to Butler, calls the author of the "Analogy" illogical! Mr. Campbell finds a great objection to Christ, because He did not give to the world the printing-press and the steam-engine; because He gave to two poor Jews ere-sight instead the world the printing-press and the steam-engine; because He gave to two poor Jews eye-sight, instead of the telescope and microscope; because He fed five thousand hungry people, instead of founding free trade and extending "perpetual plenty over the world." Mr. Campbell can scarcely have read the Rev. F. Temple's opening essay on the world with much attention, if he can seriously put forward such objections as these, nor can he ever have studied with real earnestness the divine economy of that nature he professes so devotedly to adore. that nature he professes so devotedly to adore. Then, of course, we have the old objections to the Mosaic cosmogony, founded on the theory that the Bible is as infallible in its physical as in its spiritual science, and of which cosmogony we will say no more than that most educated and reliious men are thoroughly conversant with both sides gious men are thoroughly conversant with both sides of the question, and are quite willing to rest content with what Sir Isaac Newton said, and which Mr. with what Sir Isaac Newton said, and which Mr. Campbell selects as a motto for his chapter on Moses—"Moses described realities in a language adapted to the sense of the vulgar." There is, moreover, this glaring fallacy running through the whole book—namely, that every priest is necessarily a self-seeking hypocrite. Now, such a definition as this sounds very well in Exeter Hall, with Mr. Harper in the chair; it is the sort of thing every one expects to hear; but far different is it when it comes from the lips of one who is professedly an inquirer after truth—who has greater motives urging him on than a surplice or a candlestick—who is battling, not for the mere miner assessment of the series of the series when is battling, not for the mere miner assessment. battling, not for the mere minor accessories of faith and truth, but for faith and truth themselves. Such a one must carefully eschew the econtrorrial jangling and shibboleth of parties, and must take broad palpable facts as the substratum of all his argument. Now, is it a well-substantiated fact—is it argument. Now, is it a well-substantiated fact—is it even generally allowed that the clergy of England and Scotland are fake, tyrannical, ambitious knaves? Mr. Campbell must know that such an assertion would be most false, and would be treated as such by all honest men. We should say that Mr. Campbell is well acquainted with the works of the late Rev. Baden Powell, but to far other conclusions than Baden Fowell, but to far other conclusions than those of the lamented Savilian Professor has his conception of the order of nature led him. Likewise, we should imagine that the speech of Ahasserus, in Shelley's "Queen Mab," has especial charms for Mr. Campbell. Few and bare are the traces which we find of any natural and affectionate ranges at ranguage for ever a number the faith, of regret at renouncing for ever as untrue the faith of Christians. On the contrary, we find our author filled with "wild reckless delight" whenever he finds fresh evidences of "the folly of orthodoxy." "I am entranced." he writes, "by this scepticism" (p. 22). We can well believe it; we can trace this

malignant exultation in every page. Throughout we can perceive the latent, but ardent, wish to find Christianity false. Mr. Campbell can but sneer at that sublime wisdom which summed up the whole duty of man in the two greatest commandments of the law:—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself." Jesus Christ preaches humility, and Mr. Campbell say that He then bade us copy the base fondness of the beaten spaniel! What creed, what theory of belief, what religion, would the author of these "New Religious Thoughts" give the Christian world in place of the one he deprives them of? We can trace not even the faintest outline of such in his book. Is he bold enough to affirm that man ha made such advance that in this, the nineteenth century, he is able to do without any religious formula whatever? For our part, we con confidently prophesy that the time is yet far distant when the lion shall lie down with the lamb. And what, too, is Mr. Campbell's God? We can only what, too, is Mr. Campbell's God? We can only fancy Him as sitting silent afar off in some remote region of the "illimitable," watching with cold indifference the onward march of that order He created, and incapable, as Mr. Campbell declares 106), of altering one iota of its laws. noble notion of the Almighty One! Is not this indeed a declaration of Dualism? Let Mr. Campbell for a little while follow, though it be at distance, those precepts of humility he affects to have such a contempt for; let him sit at the feet of those men whose views are pronounced in "Es and Reviews," and whom he professes to follow and he will learn that in that Bible for which he now openly declares his contempt, there is much to admire, much to honour, much to reverence, and much to love.

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WE have received a copy of "Dodd's Peerage, Baronetage, Knightage, &c.," for 1861, being the 21st year of that well-known publication. The principal novelty and addition is the effort that has been made in this new volume to "record all gazetted appointments in the Volunteer Service' under the name of each titled person. The Chinese war also has caused a large accession to the Order of the Bath, all which Captain Dod has duly chronicled.

THE MESSES. O'BTRNE, we understand, are engaged upon a new edition of their "Naval Biography," to be brought down to the most recent date.

Mr. R. HARDWICKE announces the publication of a new work by Sir John Bowring.

MESSRS. LONGMAN are about to publish a "Life of Richard Porson." It is strange that as yet we have no biography of that most eminent scholar of the present century.

THE next Number of "THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORY will be Published on Saturday next.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

COVENT GARDEN.

Miss Louisa Pyne's recovery from her recent indisposition, and her consequent re-appearance as Bianca will be hailed with pleasure by all those who delight in the splendid execution of Balfe's latest, most ambitious, and most successful work. We have so often and so recently discussed the merits of this opera, that we need say no more now than express our hearty wishes that it may meet with—what it most assuredly deserves—a long and prosperous run. The omission of Mr. Harrison's spirited song in the third act (p. 40):-

"Tis not purple and gold that ennoble the man, Nor the baubles the vulgar revere; "Tis the heart that can feel, 'tis the head that can plan,

"Its the soil that no danger can fear!"
is to be regretted, and we hope to see it restored to
its proper position when the pantomime is with-The only reasonable excuse for its omission is to be found in the length of the opera, and the amount of time necessarily required for its performance; but could not the same end be more legitimately attained by a resolute persistance in declining encores?

HER MAJESTY'S.

The "Bohemian Girl" is still performed at this house. Mr. Sims Reeves is announced to n

STRAND.

"The Silver Wedding," which is the last novelty of the Strand Theatre, is from the pen of J. P. Wooler, Esq., and is founded upon a pleasant though curious custom prevalent in some parts of Germany, of observing the wedding anniversary which completes a quarter of a century of wedlock

which completes a quarter of a century of wedlock as a feast day, under the title, which is that given to the piece, of "The Silver Wedding."

Max and Gertrude Altmann (Mr. Parselle and Mrs. Selby) are the couple the twenty-fifth anniversary of whose marriage is thus to be celebrated on the day on which the plot of the drama commences. To this point their life has been one of such rare nuptial felicity as is seldom witnessed off the stare: and, to add to the delights of the day. the stage; and, to add to the delights of the day, they have consented that the union of their only daughter and heiress, Adeline (Miss F. Hughes) with William Leonhardt (Mr. W. Mowbray), a poor but hard-working and frugal artist, shall take place on the morning of the auspicious silver wedding, "and all goes merry." The friends are invited to the feast, when a disturber comes in the rson of Judas Braitkopf, who, though as unlike a Mephistopheles or a demon of discord as can well be imagined, succeeds in a short space of time in bringing about a change as complete and undesirable as it is sudden. He persuades Max Altman that he is henpecked; and once convinced that this opinion is entertained of him, Max, in order to prove its injustice, abuses his astonished wife and all but beats her, turns her ultimately out of the house, breaks off the wedding of his daughter, smokes in the sanctuary of his wife, gets drunk, insults his friends, and conducts himself generally as brute." The first act concludes with of confusion and dismay, and to this point the piece, though not without its good points, was heavy. In the next act it is necessary to restore matters to their former happy state. This is done more easily than might be expected. Rosa Morgenroth (Miss Charlotte Saunders) has been present during the whole of the first act, taking only the inactive part of a general first act, taking only the inactive part of a general friend and admirer, and alluding on every possible occasion to some one or other of the numerous suitors whom, for some fault or negligence or other, she has been compelled to "throw over," a joke which though it generally secured a laugh, was too often repeated. Judas falls under the power of the fascinations of the sprightly Rosa, proposes to her, and is accepted conditionally upon his effecting a reconciliation between Max and his wife. He goes accordingly, and finds Max fit for his purpose, in a highly repentant humour, partly the effects of row at his wife's departure, and partly owing the departing fumes of what he has drunk.

He then, with skilful casuistry, unsays all hs has before said, and Max ingenuously accepte his latter arguments with a confidence equally implicit with the reliance he placed upon hi implicit with the reliance he placed upon his friend's former and more dangerous advice. He repents and is reconciled, the silver wedding is after all happily celebrated, and the same day witnesses the second wedding, already alluded to, of the young painter and Adeline, with the prospect of being followed by the speedy union of Judas Braitkopf and Rosa Morgeroth. The second act is certainly more bustling and entertaining than the first. Many of the jokes tell well, and if the character of the husband were not a little too absurd in its weakness, the piece would b well enough. The acting is good; that of Mrs. Selby excellent. We wish Miss F. Hughes, who looks charming in the character of Adeline, would throw a little more animation into it.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,

The various opinions expressed with regard to the performance of the "Messiah" on the Friday of last week are so conflicting, and so much at variance, as almost to appear irreconcilable; but there is no doubt that this discrepancy may be entirely accounted for when the different situations of the various hearers are sufficiently taken into account. We must candidly confess that to our ears, situated as we were on the east of the choir railing, the effect of the whole was far different to that which we had led ourselves to expect. More than once the chorus and the orchestra seemed perfectly inde-pendent of each other; this was most observable in the chorus in G minor, "And He shall purify the sons of Levi," where the effect of the semiquaver passage on the last syllable of the word "purify" was quite lost in the complete reverberation that the dome; and, not to specify others, we may allude to the very unsatisfactory way in which the tenors led off in the chorus "Let us break their bonds asunder." For the first time in our lives, the bonds asunder." For the first time in our lives, the inspiring "Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" failed to produce that feeling of devotional exaltation, which we have hitherto regarded as inseparable from its performance; and in one chorus only, "For unto us a child is born," was the effect at all commensurate with our expectations. But in mitigation of what may seem the unnecessary severity of the above remarks, we must add that as a first perform-ance, executed under great difficulties and disad-vantages, the result, though not quite what was anticipated, was still so far satisfactory as to afford the highest gratification to those who were more favourably placed for hearing it; those, for instance, who were fortunate enough to obtain seats in the north gallery, where the effect seems to have been nearly perfect. Among the solo parts, Mr. Sims Reeves alone obtained the unanimous recognition of his superlative vocal powers; and in the tenor parts allotted to him he acquitted himself in a manner worthy of the occasion. Admirable musimanner worthy of the occasion. Admirable musi-cian as Mr. Goss is, we question his capacity for managing an orchestra and chorus of such dimen-sions, and under such difficult circumstances. However, he led them through, notwithstanding the very curious fact that Mr. Blagrove's tempo was on some occasions far from identical with that of the conductor. The organ was entrusted to Mr. George Cooper, a gentleman whose attainments are too well known to need any praise from us; but we may be excused for saying that if the other executants had been as steady and as reliable in their respective posts, the conductor's duties, at no time very easy, would have been considerably lightened. What has been the financial success of this musical experiment we have not yet heard.

MONDAY POPULAR CONCERTS. Want of space prevents us from doing more than presenting our readers with the programme of this, the fiftieth concert:—

Duett in E flat, Op. 20
Song, "O cara imagine"
Song, "O masic's softest pinions
Notturno, "Per valil, per boschi"
Sonata in D major, piano Blangini Sonata in A. piane and violin Song, "Estelle" Duett, "Puro cial" Quartett in G., Op. 18

ST. JAMES'S HALL.

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On Tuesday evening last the first of a series of three concerts took place, in aid of the testimonial fund now being raised for the purpose of rendering "some service and encouragement to Mr. Hullah at a very trying period of his life," objects which, we fear, were not attained on this occasion, judging by fear, were not attained on this occasion, judging by the scant attendance at St. James's Hall. We hope the scant attendance at St. James's Hall. We hope a better fate awaits the two next performances, or the aid will be questionable. A short time since when the St. Martin's Hall was destroyed, every-body inquired, "What will become of Mr. Hullah ?" The problem is solved, and the public that affected so much sympathy owe it as a debt of gratitude to one of their most efficient servants, that he should receive every assistance towards recovering his position.

The Vocal Association, however, animated by a philanthropic spirit, gave a performance as an-nounced, of which the following was the pro-

Overture, "Buler of spirits"
Part Song, "Nay, never say our arms".
Aria, "Madamins" (Don Glovanni)
Grand Aria, "I will extol." (Abraham)
Fantasia Appassionata for Violin, with
orchestral accompaniments

Vieuxtemps. PART II.

PART III.

Overture (Ruy Blas)
Song "The storm"
Terzetto, "When svening twilight falls"
Aria, "The wind is fair, good bye"
Song, "O doubting heart"
Part Song, "Song should breathe"
March (Athalie)

Pert Song, "Song should breathe"
March (Athalie)

The principal attraction was naturally the Undine of Mr. Benedict (the conductor of the society), a lyrical legend written by Mr. John Oxenford, performed for the first time at the Norwich Festival in September last, and produced in London on the occasion of Madame Clara Novello's farewell, or 21st November following. "Undine," which we consider to be one of the best of modern canatas, is written with great skill, and at the same time is full of attractive melody. The introduction—a most appropriate opening to a story which treats of "Naiads who sport in restless waves," "crystal springs," and such like faciry lore—is smooth and flowing. The opening chorus of female spirits, broken in upon by a solo of Kuhleborn (Mr. Weiss), is of the same character, and proved very effective. The solo of Undine (Miss Banks), "Mark the waves," is a melody of extreme excellence and grace. Miss Banks did it ample justice, and her song was unanimously re-demanded. The next piece in order is the terzetto for Hildebrand (Mr. Wilbye Cooper), Undine, and Kuhleborn, "Daughter of a wondrous race." This also is a cleverly-written moregan, and was most efficiently rendered. The scena for the hero, Hildebrand is a cleverly-written morceau, and was most efficiently rendered. The scena for the hero, Hildebrand, is a capital tenor, of a martial nature. A March (wedding, we presume, from the context,) which cannot fail to become popular, forms a magnificent prelude to the chorus, "Hail to the noble pair," which, like its predecessor, is admirably written. A prelude to the chorus, "Hail to the noble pair," which, like its predecessor, is admirably written. A new personage now appears in the form of Bertralda (Miss Palmer), whose air, "The baron's old castle," is admirably calculated to show her fine voice to advantage; a duett, "Happy day!" for the same lady; and "Hildebrand," a quartett, for all parties concerned, and a grand chorus, with "Undine" (solo), all of which are of the same good quality, being a highly interesting and excellent composition to end. The whole performance seemed to be appreciated, and was listened to with marked attention throughout.

The rest of the programme, as will be seen, consisted of M. Vieuxtemps's beautiful "Fantasia Appassionata" for the violin, with orchestral accompaniments, performed for the first time in London, and which was magnificently executed by the composer; part songs by Mr. Hullah and Mr. Francisco Bergo, sung by the members of the association, whom, by the way, we may congratulate upon their improvement since last season. The songs assigned to Miss Banks, Miss Palmer, and Mr. Wilbye Cooper, it is unnecessary to state, received every justice. The grand air, "I will extol," from Herr Molique's oratorio of "Abraham," was also exceedingly well rendered by Madame Weiss,

sacred music being certainly that lady's forte.

The aria from "Don Giovanni," though very well sung by Mr. Weiss, we prefer to hear in its proper place—the opera. A word of praise is due to the orchestra and Mr. Benedict their conductor for orchestra and Mr. Benedict their conductor for the style in which they executed the overtures, especially the beautiful "Ruy Blas" and final "March;" the latter they evidently played for their own especial gratification, the hall being nearly tenantless. (Can nothing be done to keep people in their seats until the termination of a concert?) Messrs. F. Berger and Wilhelm Ganz presided at the pianoforte.

Madlle. Parepa, who was announced to take part in the proceedings, was "suddenly laid aside (sic) from all professional duties."

EGYPTIAN HALL. There is no entertainment the loss of which we shall so much regret as that of the London Glee and Madrigal Union, whose performances terminate this day.

During the last month the members of this Union have given some of the choicest specimens of English glees, such, for instance, as those of Weakes, Webbe, Spofforth, Horsley, and Calcott—all executed with the greatest amount of taste and expression. The nce exercised upon our drawing-room music by these performances cannot be too highly estimated; they show clearly what ample stores of melody and harmony are within our grasp, if only we will consent to put our hands for them, instead of attempting to astonish our friends and country cousins by reproducing, usque ad nauseam, the threadbare ditties of modern Italian composers; this is not the first time that the public has to acknowledge its obligations to Mr. Mitchell, the spirited originator of these domestic concerts, for the su sful combination of the dalce with the utile. For our own part, we shall be only too glad to welcome the Union back again to the Dudley Gallery after their provincial tour.

MUSICAL GOSSIT.

A new biography of Carl Maria von Weber, by his son, Max von Weber, is announced. The diary of the great musician, extending over a period of ten years, from 1816 to 1826, the year of his death, will be incorporated in the work.

Immediately after the production of Richard Wagner's "Tannhœuser" at the Grand Opera, Paris, a new work by Gounod is to be put in rehearsal.

The first representation of "Ashtaroth," a comic opera in one act, the music by M. Debillemont and the words by Henri Boisseaux, took place at the Théâtre Lyrique on the 25th of last month; and on the same evening, at the Théâtre des Bouffes Parisiens, was performed for the first time an operetta, or, as it is styled in the French papers, a "Bouffonerie Musicale," in two acts. The libretto is by M. Bourdois, and the music composed by three young artists, MM. Aristide Hignard, Léo Delibes, and Erlanger.

M. Reyer's new opera will be brought out at the

M. Reyer's new opera will be brought out at the Opera Comique under the title of "La Statue."

Madlle. Emma Livry, pupil of Taglioni, has been engaged by Mr. Gye for the enuming season at Covent Garden. The success which this eminent danseuse has lately achieved in the ballet of "La Forfalla"

at Paris, is a sufficient guarantee for her merits.

At the Theatre Italien "Don Giovanni," to be At the Theatre Raisen "Don Grovann," to be followed by "Le Nozze di Figaro," will shortly be given, the leading parts being allotted to Signor Mario, Zucchini, Gardoni, and Mmes. Penco, Battu, and Dalmondi. The last named artiste will make her debut in the part of Ehrira, and Madille. Marie Battu will for the first time undertake the rôle of

MM. Maurin, Chevillard, Viguier, and Sabatier held their second séance on Thursday, at the Salons de Pleyel. The programme comprised the quartett in E flat, op. 127, and the quartett in C, op. 59, by Beethoven. Between the quartetts, M. Théodore Ritter executed a piano sonata by the same master, on. 110.

M. Beaumont, the manager of the Opéra Comique, of whose activity and energy we have more than once spoken in the columns of this journal, has been presented by the actors and employés of the establishment with a handsome bronze ornament, with a suitable inscription upon it.

The Feast of the Purification is to be celebrated The Feast of the Purification is to be celebrated this day by the Association of Musicians, in the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Paris, with a performance of Adolphe Adam's first Mass, dedicated to Pope Gregory XVI.

The new pianoforte sonata composed by M. Henri Herz, and dedicated to Auber, is to be executed by the composer himself, at his next public concept.

public concert.

M. Alexandre Dumas has arrived in Paris, in order to superintend the production of a new drama founded on his romance, "Le Vicomte de Bra-gelonne;" but as it is to follow "Les Massacres de gelonne; but as it is to follow "Les Massacres de Syrie," a considerable period will probably elapse before it is brought out, M. Sejour's piece being so very successful. Those who are familiar with the novel itself may like to be informed of the intended distribution of the releas. M. Laferrière will represent Louis XIV.; M. Luguet (from the Theatre Porte St. Martin) his minister, Torquet; Deshayes, the Viscount of Bragelonne; and Arondel, Colbert. With regard to the ladies who figure in the piece—Anne of Austria will be represented by Madlle. Clarisse Miroy; Madlle. de la Vallière by Madlle. Page; and Henrietta of England by Madme Thais Petit.

The censorial interdict has been removed from the "Tour de Nesle," the joint composition of MM. Dumas and Gaillardet, and it will accordingly be performed, with some modification, at Porte St. Martin, after the "Béatrix" of

A new piece has been brought out at the Palais-Royal, entitled "Pénates de l'Oncle Giffard."

following letter was accidentally mislaid, or it would have been attended to earlier:

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE 'LITERARY GAZETTE," "Amateur Mus. Soc., Brixton, Jan. 12, 1861.

"Sir,-My attention has just been called to a notice of our last concert in your number of this day's date, for the kindly tone of which I beg to express my thanks. Reference is there made to a express my thanks. Reference is there made to a foreign journal having made mention of the society; being curious to see the paragraph, I should feel obliged if in your next publication you would give me the name and date of the paper in which such remarks appear .- I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

"W. H. MARTIN, Hon. Sec."

[The passage to which we alluded is to be found in the "Signale fur die Musikalische Welt" for December 13, 1860 (p. 630). As some of the members of the above-mentioned society may not have an opportunity of consulting the original, we have transcribed the passage in extenso:-"Aner-kennend mussen wir noch Schlieslich von den Leistungen der Amateur Musical Society, Brixton sprechen, die Aufführung der Es dur symphonie, No. 8 von Haydn Kann eine gelungene genaant werden, ebenso gelang die Freischutz overture. Die Solo-vortrage aber waren durchweg schlecht. Ausser einer gar zu langen Clarinett-Fantasie mussten wir einige Arien von einem Tenoristen ohne Stimme hören und endlich plagte uns eine liebens-würdige Lieb-haberin mit dem langweiligen Vortrag der Abgelerten Cascade. Der Borsland dieser Gessel-schaft, Mr. Turville und der Musikdirector Boose, ein Darmstadter, geben sich viele Mühe im das Gedeihen dieses Amateur Unions." Now that the London Amateur Musical Society is no more, we believe the first place must be awarded to the society in question, notwithstanding the severity of the criticism in the "Signale."-ED "Literary Gazette.")

In the list of artists lately deceased we find the following names: M. Henri Murger, author of "La Vie de Boheme," and "Le Serment d'Horace," which has obtained such remarkable success at the Palais-Royal; M. Libert, a very promising musician, leader of the orchestra at the Théâtre Lyrique; Adolphe Koettling, a Russian composer, who died at the age of thirty; Madame Caroline Mennechet De Barival, celebrated not only as a pianiste, and a composer of music for that instrument, but as the authoress of some literary works, "Lettres the authoress of some literary works, "Lettres sur la Musique," and "La Marquise de Prestes," the latter being a novel of some repute for its delicacy in the delineation of character;

and Madame de Bawr, at the advanced age of eighty-three. The latter had been a pupil of or eighty-three. The latter had been a pupil of Gretry, and was the composer of some slight pieces which were popular in the time of the consulate. Amongst her literary productions are "Histoire de la Musique," (Paris, Andot, 1823, 1 vol. in 12mo.), since translated into German by M. Auguste Lewald; and "Mes Souvenirs," (Paris, Rassard, 1823, 1 vol. in 12mo.), containing some highly interesting details about Gretry and other musicians

Musicians.

We hardly know whether to give credence to a report in circulation, of the death of Mme. Borribetter known to the habitues of the opera as Mdlle. Pocchini. We have seen nothing but a bare statement of the fact, without any relation of the attend-

ing circumstances.

M. Assoni, formerly a baritone of some celebrity, has recently expired at New York, after a long and painful illne

Hector Berlioz's last operatic work, "Les Troyens," is in the engraver's hands, and will most probably be issued some time before the work itself is performed.

A new opera in three acts, "Nerida," has been brought out at Lisle by a native composer, Ferdinand Lavainne.

Donizetti's posthumous opera in one act, "Rita," has been produced at Brussels, with complete success; Madlle. Dupuy as Rita, M. Aujac in the rôle of Peppo, the long-suffering husband; and M. Bataille in the character of the Marseillais seaman, Gasparo. "Why?" pathetically exclaims a Belgian theatrical critic, "Why does not M. Bataille always play the part of a Marseillais seaman?"

seaman?"

The probability of Signor Verdi's election as member for Turin deserves mention amongst our musical items. This may perhaps account for the prohibition of the "Trovatore" at the Apollo Theatre, Rome. The popular maestro has long been well known for his patriotic sentiments.

Mr. Lumley's Italian company, consisting of Madlle. Tietjens, Madlle. Casaloni, and Signors Giuclini and Cima, have been performing the

Giuglin and Cima, have been performing the "Trovatore" at the Theatre Regio, Turin, with the utmost success. "Norma" was intended to follow soon after, and a new tenor, Signor Sirchia, also belonging to the troupe, was expected to make a very successful début.

a very successful debut.

In our last week's impression ("Literary Gazette," Jan. 26, p. 89), we alluded to the favourable reception accorded to Signor Verdi's opera, "Il Ballo in Maschera," and the censures freely bestowed on Mme. Grisi and Signor Mario. A Parisian critic, speaking of the performance of the latter, significantly says:—"Je ne voudrais pas qu'on m'accusat d'exciter les citoyens à la haine les uns contre les autres, mais le public devrait avoir le triste courage de renvoyer brutalement à sa villa de Florence un de renvoyer brutalement à sa villa de Florence un artiste qui abuse de son profil pour nous imposer le spectacle déplorable de son agonie. Nous avons été indulgent parfois vis-à-vis de Mario mais il y a des limites à tout, et quand le succès d'un opéra risque d'être compromis par la nullité absolue d'un chanteur, il est du devoir de la critique de déposer self unable to handle it in a fit manuer. It was then tendered to M. Auber, who thereupon com-posed his Gustave III.; and finally it has fallen into the hands of Signor Verdi, whose opera was written in 1858 for the Théâtre San Carlo at Milan; but the performance being interdicted by the Neapolitan authorities, it was performed at the Apollo Theatre, Rome, in 1859, and has been performed there several Rome, in 1859, and has been times with immense success. There was a rumour current not long since, that it was about to be produced at Her Majesty's Theatre, but we fear this produced at Her Majesty's Theatre, but we fear this produced the majesty in the some of the was a rumour and nothing more. The scene of the opera is shifted from Sweden to Naples; in place of Gustavus, we have Ricciardo; Duke of Olivarez, Governor of Naples; for Ankarstrom we have Renato, Secretary to the Duke, and husband of Amelia, with whom Ricciardo is in love. opera terminates with the assassination of the Duke by Renato, but not before the former has time to exculpate the character of Amelia, and declare her entire innocence.

The original score of Mozart's "Nozze di Figaro"

is now for sale, and is placed for that purpose in the hands of M. Scheurig, at Presburg. To return from all these foreign items to our own nusical world, we may call attention to the approaching performance of the "Messiah," at Exeter Hall, by the National Choral Association, a body already consisting of upwards of eight hundred members, though it has been called into existence or the with the least transmission. only within the last two months, by Mr. W. G. Martin. The society will give ten performances, the proceeds from the first of which will be devoted

MUSICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

to relieving the distress at Coventry.

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SCIENCE.

Jan. 24-W. S. W. Vaux, Esq., President, in the chair

William Allen, Esq., was elected a member of

Dr. Namur, secretary of the Archæological Society of Luxembourg, was elected an honorary member

Mr. John Evans read a short paper communicated by Sebastian Evans, Esq., M.A., on "Modern Art and the New Bronze Coinage," showing that, as works of art, the new coinage, showing that, as works of art, the new coinage was inferior to any yet produced from the English mint, the similarity and equality of the several portions of the design being one of its gravest faults. The shape of the being one of its gravest raturs. The snape of the head is incorrect, particularly in the upper portion of the forehead, and the likeness is very bad. On the reverse, the ship and lighthouse are of exactly equal bulk, precisely balancing each other, and the head of Britannia is ridiculously small. The length of the face is hardly, if at all, greater than the width of the arm near the shoulder or the langth of the of the arm near the shoulder, or the length of the hand without the fingers, while the neck is precisely of the same thickness as the upper arm, and the attempt to make up in helmet what is wanting in head serves to make the deficiency more signal. Altogether, Mr. Evans observed, in both obverse and reverse, the design is feebler, and the work less satisfactory, than in any former coin of the reign.

Mr. Evans read a communication from Thomas Bateman, Esq., descriptive "of some British gold and Roman silver coins found at Lightcliffe, near Halifax, in 1827." There were three of Dum-nocoveros, and several family coins, but nothing later than the reign of Caligula, and none of Tiberius.

Mr. Vaux read a short account of those barbarous imitations by Merovingian kings of Byzantine solidi found with a Saxon brooch at Sarre, in the island of Thanet. There were two of Mauricius

Tiberius, one of Heraclius, and the fourth, a gold solidus of Chlotaire II., which fixes the period of their fabrication.

Mr. Vaux read a communication from W. Webster, Esq., on an "Unique Piece of Lady Jane Grey," with the motto "Justitia Virtutum Regina." being the motto of this unfortunate lady, and the only proof (if any) of it belonging to her. The attribution is excessively doubtful, and the piece itself not above suspicion.

Mr. Roach Smith exhibited carts of some ancient British coins in gold, found in a field called the "Gold Piece," near Ryarsh, Kent, and now in the possession of the Rev. L. B. Larking. Mr. Roach Smith remarked that he suspected that prior discoveries of the same nature in the same field gave it the name of "Golden Piece."

The Rev. Professory Honeley exhibited an income and the same field gave it the name of "Golden Piece."

The Rev. Professor Henslow exhibited an impression of a small gold coin of Panormus; Obv.: Head of Ceres I., R.: Horse standing r., said to have been found at Felixston, Suffolk, where Roman coins and other antiquaries are constantly being found. If, as there appears good reason to suppose, this coin was really discovered there, it was probably brought thither by one of the Roman soldiers or colonists at a period considerably posterior to that in which it was struck

Mr. Evans exhibited a drachma of Philip Andræus, struck at at Mitylene, in Lesbos, which had been given to him at Oldborough, Suffolk, as having been found beneath the roots of an oak which had been grubbed up in Rendlesham Park, a few miles from Oldborough. There was little doubt that it had been found in the manner stated, but how it came there it was impossible to say.

These two cases, if true, prove that Greek coins are found in England.

Mr. Akerman exhibited a photograph of a silver coin of Carausius, found in digging for the railway at Abingdon, and in the possession of H. B. Godwin, Esq. Obv.: IMP. CARAVEIVS. P. FAVO. Brat 1. with sensity R. CONCORDE. Godwin, Esq. Obv.: IMP. CARAVSIVS. P. FAVG. Bust, 1, with sceptre. R.: CONCORDIA. MILITYM. Two right hands joined. In exergue R.S.R.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON. January 23, 1861-L. Horner, Esq., President, in the chair.

William Weston, Esq., Birkenhead, was elected a fellow.

The following communications were read:—

1. "On the Gravel and Boulders of the Punjab. By J. D. Smithe, Esq., F.G.S. In the Phimgota Valley (a continuation of the great Kangra or Palum Valley) the drift consists of sand and shingle with boulders of gneiss, schist, porphyry, and trap, from 6 inches to 5 feet in diameter. Some of the boulders, having a red vitreous glaze, occur in irregular beds. This moraine-like drift lies on the tertiary beds, which, here dipping gently towards the plains, gradually become vertical, and are succeeded by variegated compact sandstones, gradually inclining away from the plains; next come various slates, at a high angle, and gneissic rocks lie immediately over them.

2. "On Pteraspis Dunensis (Archaeoteuthis Dunensis, Roemer)." By Prof. T. H. Huxley, F.R.S., Sec. G.S. The fossil referred to in this communication is from Daun in the Eifel, and was described by Dr. Ferd. Roemer (in the "Palscontographica," vol. iv., p. 72, pl. 13) as belonging to the naked Cephalapods, under the name of Palaceteuthis Dunensis (changed to Archaeoteuthis in the "Leth. Geogn."); and in the "Jahrb." 1858, p. 55, Dr. Geogn."); and in the "Jahrb." 1858, p. 55, Dr. F. Roemer described a second specimen from Wassennach on the Laacher See. Professor Huxley reproduced, with remarks, Dr. Roemer's description of the specimens; and, after observing that Mr. S. P. Woodward had already suggested ("Manual of Mollusca," p. 417) that Roemer's fossil was a fish, he stated his conviction that it was really a Pteraspis, agreeing in all essential particulars with the British Pteraspides, though possibly of a different species. different species.

§ 3. "On the 'Chalk-rock' lying between the Lower and the Upper Chalk in Wilts, Berks, Oxon, Bucks and Herts." By W. Whitaker, Esq., B.A., Bucks and Herts." By W. Whitaker, Esq., B.A., F.G.S. The author has more particularly ex-amined the band which he terms "chalk-rock" on the northern side of the western part of the London basin. Here it has its greatest thickness (twelve feet)

to the west, gradually thinning eastward. It is a hard chalk, dividing into blocks, by joints perpendicular to the bedding; and it contains hard calcareo-phosphatic nodules, of which it has six rows in Wilts, but generally only two or three. It contains no flints; and in the district referred to, none occurred below it. It seems to form an exact boundary between the upper and lower chalk, being probably the topmost bed of the latter. In this case it will often serve as an index of the relative thickness of these divisions, or as a datum for the measurement of the extent of denudation that the upper chalk has suffered, more especially as, when thick, the chalk-rock appears to have given rise to thick, the chalk-rock appears to have given rise to two escarpments (an upper and a lower) to the western portion of the chalk range. Fossils are usually rare in this bed; but Mr. J. Evans, F.G.S., collected several from it near Boxmoor; and amongst them the genera Belosepia (hitherto known only as tertiary), Baculites, Nautilus, Tarrilities, Solarium, Inoceramus, Parasmilia, and Ventriculites are represented; and the following species have bean identified—Litorina monififera and a new species, Pleurotomaria sp., Myacites Mandibula, Spondylus latus, Sp. spinosus, Rhynchonella Mantelliana, Terebratula biplicata, and T. semiglobosa.

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The next meeting of the society will be held (at Burlington House) on Feb. 6, 1861. The following paper will be read:—"On the Altered Rocks of the Western and Central Highlands of Scotland." By Sir R. I. Murchison, F.R.S., V.P.G.S., and A. Geikie, Esq., F.G.S.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

January 17-Alfred Smee, Esq., V.P., in the

chair.

Dr. Apjohn was elected a fellow, and Mr. A. Reynolds an associate of the society. Dr. Noad read a paper entitled "Analysis of the Saline Water of Purton, near Swindon, North Wilts." Dr. Voelcker read a paper on the same subject.

Professor Bloxam read a paper "On the Electrolytic Test for Arsenic." He showed that antimonuretted, but not arsenuretted, hydrogen was evolved by electrolysing the product of the action of hydrochloric acid and chlerate of potash upon substances containing the two metals, arsenic and antimony; but that the subsequent addition of sulphuretted hydrogen water stopped the evolution of antimonuretted and let to the evolution of arsenuretted gas. arsenuretted gas.

Dr. Hofmann read a paper "On a New Silver Phosphonium Compound."

Jan. 24—F. Buvey, Treasurer, in the chair.
The director presented to the society ten volumes
of a Chinese work, containing illustrations of
mirrors, bronzes, cross-bows, mediswal-like dragons,
and bells. G. Chapman, F.S.A., exhibited an
English copy of an original charter, granted by
Adam, abbot of Reading, in the thirteenth century,
for a chapelty in the parish of Bucklebury. Mr.
Almack exhibited, through the director, a letter of
Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, addressed to his
son, upon which Mr. Franks offered several interesting biographical observations; he likewise exhibited
a collection of Irish bronze celts and spear-heads. SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES

January 22, 1861—George P. Bidder, Esq., President, in the chair.

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The paper read was on "The Rise and Fall of the River Wandle: Its Springs, Tributaries, and Pollution," by Mr. Frederick Braithwaite, M.Inst. C.E. This history was compiled from a survey of the river Wandle, made early in the spring of the year 1853, from its rise at Carshalton, and at Croy-don, 111 feet 2 inches and 123 feet 10 inches respecdon, 111 feet 2 inches and 123 feet 10 inches respec-tively above Trinity high water mark (T.H.W.M.), to its outfall in the Thames, at Wandsworth. In the course of the survey, special notes were taken of the several springs, tributaries, and sewerage from drains, which swelled the amount of the water. The levels of the successive falls of the river from its spring-hards through the representation. The levels of the successive falls of the river from its spring-heads, through the numerous mills, were carefully taken; also, a complete set of gaugings of the water from the numerous springs and tributaries. The branch of the river rising at Carshalton was said to be supplied from three principal springs, the Grotto Spring, the Hogs' Pit Pond, and the Ordnance Pond, which together yielded, when the gaugings were first taken, 13,246,020 gallons, and on a subsequent occasion, 12,670,610 gallons daily, or every twenty-four hours. The head of water at the lake in the grounds attached to the Ordnance School varied four or five inches, according to the rainfall. When the lake was emptied, it was rerainfall. When the lake was emptied, it was refilled from the springs in thirty hours. This branch
was also supplied from the town ponds and other
springs. Five mills were situated on it driven by
wheels, having a united power of 71 n.r. The
general character of the water was brilliant and
pure, with the exception of that from the paper
mills, and where the road drainage was discharged
into the river after heavy rains. The water contained shout 16 deg. of hardness, and a small
quantity of sulphate of lime. The Croydon branch
derived its principal flow of water from a stream
called the Bourne Brook, which rose in Marden
Park, about eight miles seuth of Croydon. The
supply from this source was, however, very precarisupply from this source was, however, very precari-ous, as it did not flow more than once every five or seven years, when the rainfall was excessive, and then only lasted for a limited period; though it was in evidence that the Bourne did run for two entire years in 1841 and 1842, a period of great rain. Two other streams united with the Bourne about two miles south of Croydon, which, with springs rising in the garden pond and elsewhere at Croydon, brought up the total quantity to from 16,158,780 to 17,625,600 gallons daily. Other springs, issuing principally in the Lands Ponds, contributed about 1,458,000 gallons every twenty-four tributed about 1,458,000 gallons every twenty-four hours; so that when all the streams had united to form the eastern branch of the Wandle, 123 feet 10 inches above T.H.W.M., the river flowed at more than the rate of 19,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. The springs at Wadden Mill, and from land drainage, produced about 1,200,000 gallons, and the inverse was contactly in the contact of the contact and the river was constantly increased from similar sources, so that when united with the Carshalton branch at the Oil and Felt Mills, above Hack Bridge, the gaugings, which represented the entire flow of the Wandle in one stream, when first taken, showed 63.488.500 collected at the constant of the want o 63,488,520 gallons, and on the subsequent occasion 62,750,980 gallons every twenty-four hours. The mills on this branch were four in number, but three mills on this branch were four in number, but three only were in occupation at the time the survey was made, using water-power equal to 25, 25 and 12 n.r. respectively. Above Hack bridge the soil consisted of a mixture of chalk and gravel; but below the bridge it was wholly gravel or and, though there was clay close underneath. The paper then proceeded to notice the different mills situated on the main stream, giving a statement of their power, height above T.H.W.M., in many cases the quantity of water used at each, and other details. The operations carried on at some of these works, such as rinsing silk goods, washing skins, &c., and the chemicals employed, which when used were discharged into the river, tended materially to contaminate the stream. Indeed, it was generally remarked, that the water below all the print works was much coloured when any print washing was was much coloured when any print washing was going on. The colour did not appear to settle, it only became largely diffused. The water used for aning the blocks was also sent into the river. In clear weather, the contrast between the water at Carshalton springs and that at Merton bridge was very marked; proving to the sight alone, how unfit the water had become for drinking purposes, during its progress through so many works, discharging impurities, and over such a soil, and receiving such drainage. In dry seasons this would be detailed. striking. There were twenty-five mills on the main stream, using 545 H.P. Mention was also made of the amount of drainage water flowing into the Wandle from the surrounding land, one stream alone, on the eastern side of the river, at Mitcham common, contributing 4.172,760 gullons daily. The Pickle, a dirty stream, joined the main river at Merton bridge; and the Graveney, a considerable tributary, which had also a dirty appearance when the water in the Wandle itself was comparatively clear, entered the river at Mr. Payton's leather works. The average gaugings at Garratt's oil mills showed 83,469,060, 76,316,950, and 62,343,000 gallons, every twenty-four hours. The gaugings of the river Graveney, during the same period, showed from 6,291,000 to 1,458,000 gallons daily. These quantities referred to a period when the river,

its bed, and adjacent soil had been fully saturated with heavy rains, and afforded no criterion of the quantity due to dry seasons. The water in gravelly districts at such times was much wasted. Then that stratum not only refused to part with it freely, but even deprived the river itself of water, which flowed down from a district less influenced by evaporation. It might, therefore, be concluded that in periods of drought the true source of the supply to the Wandle would be found at Wadden and at Carshalton only; would be found at Wadden and at Carshatton only; for the Bourne Brook became dry, and the Croydon springs were polluted. At present the supply from Wadden and Carshalton was found to amount to 32,941,800 gallons daily; but when the land springs and other drainage waters were exhausted, there only remained 18,367,920 gallons daily available for water supply, supposing the flow from the chalk to continue uniform. But when the river reached Wandsworth, much of the water had been evaporated and filtered into the gravelly sail and much Wandsworth, much of the water had been evaporated and filtered into the gravelly soil, and much had been filtered and carried away as sewerage, or been consumed in the works, so that probably not more than 10,000,000 gallons could be relied upon, and that must necessarily be polluted. In an appendix, a table was given showing the rainfall daily during the months of September, October, November and December, 1852, over that portion of the district, the nature of the soil of which was non-absorbent, viz., the tract of land drained by the river Graveney and the Collier drained by the river Graveney and the Collier Brook, having an area of 4,900 acres. The available water-shed area of the Wandle, in addition to this, amounted to 12,935 acres, and the length of the river, from Croydon to Wandsworth, was rather less than nine and a half miles. The entire details of the survey were also given in a tabular form.

It was announced that the discussion which had

been commenced, would be continued at the next meeting, Tuesday, January 29.

At a subsequent meeting held on Tuesday last, George P. Bidder, Esq., Fresident, in the chair, the discussion upon Mr. Braithwaite's paper "On the River Wandle: Its Springs, Tributaries, and Pollution," was continued throughout the evening; but, as it was not concluded, the publication of the abstract is deferred.

It was announced that the discussion, which had been commenced, would be continued at the next meeting, Tuesday, February 5, when the mouthly ballot for members would take place.

DRITISH ARCH. EOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. January 23-George Vere Irving, V.P., in the

Mr. Chief Justice Temple exhibited an instrument in copper, a common type of celt in brenze, found in limestone at a considerable depth, at Honduras; also a flint celt from the same locality. Further particulars in relation to these were promised.

Mr. Vere Irving laid before the meeting a MS. book, entitled "Record of the Court of the Township of Dalphinton, in Lanarkshire," and remarked that although the records of this and similar courts must have been at one time common in Scotland, as every barony had its burgh, they are very rarely to be met with at this day. They are interesting to the archæologist as illustrating the state of society in mediæval times, and Mr. Irving promised some notes regarding these petty munici-palities for the Journal.

Gardner Wilkinson, V.P., forwarded paper, illustrated by numerous drawings, on "The Construction of Ancient British Walls," which was ordered to be printed.

The Rev. E Kell forwarded a large collection of fragments of glass and pottery obtained at Buck-holt Farm, in Hants, the site of a Roman station. A minute examination of the glass was made, and the conclusion arrived at, that no portion could be esteemed to date earlier than the fourteenth century. The discovery, however, of a glass factory here, of which Mr. Kell gave a minute description, is exceedingly interesting, as it offers, perhaps, the earliest evidence of an establishment of the

kind yet discovered in this country.

The meeting adjourned, and the Chairman nnounced that a special meeting of the Association, announced that a special meeting of the Association, in conjunction with the Ethnological Society, would be held at the Rooms of the Royal Society of Literature, on Tuesday, 19th February, at half-past eight p.m., to fully discuss the question relating

to "The Finding of Flint Implements in Drift," &c., and on which occasion specimens sent by Mr. Boucher des Perthes will be exhibited.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS FOR

Most., Feb. 4.—Royal Institute of British Architects, 8.
Tura., Feb. 5.—Institute of British Architects, 8.—Continued discussion upon Mr. Braithwaite's Paper on "The River Wandle."

WED., Feb. 6.—Society of Arts, 8.—On "The Condition of the Water Supply of London," by Mr. George R. Burnell, C.E., F.G.S., F.S.A.

British Archaelogical Association, 84.—On "The Collection of Muniments of Joursanvault now in the British Museum," by Mr. E. Levien.

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Geological Society, 84.—On "The Classification of the Races of Man," by John Crawfurd, Esq., F.R. S. Man," by John Crawfurd, Esq., F.R. S. President.

Obstetrical Society, 8.—Society of Antiquaries, 84.

Linnsam Society, 8.—On "The Occurrences of Festuca ambigua in the Isle of Wight," by A. G. Moore, Esq.

Royal Society, 84.

Royal Academy of Arts, 8.—Lecture on "Architecture," by S. Smirke, R.A.

Chemical, 8.—On "Carbonates of Copper, Nickel, and Cobalt," by Professor Field. THURS. Feb. 7

ROYAL INSTITUTION.

Monday, Feb. 4.—General Monthly Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 5, Three o'clock.—Professor Owen, on "Fishes."

Thursday, Feb. 7, Three o'clock.—Professor Tyn-dall, on "Electricity."

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Friday, Feb. 8, Eight o'clock.—Professor T. H.
Huxley, on "The Nature of the Earliest
Stages of the Development of Animals."
Saturday, Feb. 9, Three o'clock.—Dr. E. Frankland,
on "Inorganic Chemistry."

THE UNIVERSITIES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Jan. 31. Or all the dark things in the world, of all the subjects on which the Delphic oracle, if it had its subjects on which the Delphic oracle, if it had its way now, would give an ambiguous response, on all matters on which Nimrod, Regulus, Rataplan, or any other nom de plume in the sporting world would be mysteriously cautious, there is nothing so impenetrably doubtful as that of an election to the headship of a college in Oxford. Before the election, it is anybody; after it, for a few days, it is an amazement and a puzzle; but it speedily sinks as it goes on into a matter of fact, which, in these days of acquirescence is not so far removed from a matter. goes on into a matter of fact, which, in these days of acquiescence, is not so far removed from a matter of course. The nine fellows of Lincoln College, certainly a majority of them, have elected Mr. Pattison. It is reported that there was what in a borough would be termed a severe contest, the real opposition being between Mr. Fowler and Mr. Pattison. Few amongst the younger dons enjoy a more desirable reputation than the former of these rentlemen: he is a roominent member of the reformgentlemen; he is a prominent member of the reforming party in Oxford, and is known to be one of the ing party in Oxford, and is known to be one of the most active and liberal-minded of that party. Unfortunately for Mr. Fowler's claim, Mr. Pattison is also of the advanced party, and as, in Oxford, seniority is the measure of merit, he has won the day. If the Oxford rumours be true, Mr. Fowler, discovering that the objection on the ground of juniority was likely to prove fatal to him, frankly and honourably gave his support to Mr. Pattison as against Mr. Mitchell, a gentleman more distinguished for social than intellectual powers. Mr. Pattison is against Mr. Mitchell, a gentleman more distinguished for social than intellectual powers. Mr. Pattison is well known in Oxford, and has a considerable reputation out of Oxford. He is a contributor to the "Essays and Reviews," which have been making such a noise of late, and it is fair to say that, whatever may be the merits or demerits of that publication, Mr. Pattison's essay being, as it is, generally historical, and moreover of considerable historical interest, is the least characteristic in the special theology of these ecclesiastics. Mr. Pattison has some work before him, for the college over which has some work before him for the college over which has some work before him, for the college over which he some work before nim, for the college over which he now presides has, judging from its numbers and from a contrast with its position some years ago, declined in its prestige. Let us hope that, at all events, he will not succumb to those noxious and seemingly irresistible influences which make the Oxford heads (what a bitter irony there is in the name!) notoriously amongst the most prejudiced,

name!) notoriously amongst the most prejudiced, stupid, and useless of their kind.

St. Mary's church was opened on Sunday morning, and the Bishop of Oxford preached in the afternoon. Of course he handled the subject of the day, the significance of inspiration. The church, as usual, was crowded. Everything has been put into the old form; the workhouse pattern casements are restored, and the heads of houses and doctors are sitting on.

"Ignes
Suppositos cineri doloso."

Let us hope they will not be blown up by the underlying volcano of gas and steam, either or both, for it does not seem clear yet. And this reminds me, by the way, that it is said that some ingenious machinist has taken a hint from the late explosion, and is inventing or adapting a machine by which a regulated explosion of coal gas and atmospheric air is to work a piston, fly-wheel, and all the rest of these powers which modern Europe delights in and grows rich by. After all, it would be a novelty in the history of mechanical invention if an available force was really developed from so formidable an affair as an explosion in a church. Nobody, as far as I know, has suggested that the wrath of the defunct doctors and churchmen of bygone times defunct doctors and churchmen of bygone times who rest under St. Mary's pavement may have collected into subterranean fury, and, misled by the new style, have vented itself in rending asunder the place in which new and strange doctrines are taught on the Saturday instead of the Sanday.

The university has accepted Mr. Hope's foundation for a professor of entomology, to be filled, of course, by Mr. Westwood, the present curator of Mr. Hope's museum. There was some talk about a fuss to be made by some of the physiology was

Mr. Hope's museum. There was some talk about a fuss to be made by some of the physiology professors as to the object of the gift, and it was suggested that a wider programme than that marked out by the founder might have been to the purpose. But surely entomology is a wide enough subject to discourse about, and contains enough for any man's research, and any man's time. We shall thus soon have another natural history professor.

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At last the mayor soath has been totally abolished, and the worthy citizens of Oxford are freed from that symbol of feudal dependence, which consisted in a profession of fealty to the vice-chancellor. Some of the formalities were dispensed with long ago, and the stubborn and not over mannerly be-haviour of modern mayors has succeeded in industrial the university to dispense with this ancient privilege on Tuesday last. The vice-chancellor and proctors, as representing academical supremacy, still retain some very solid advantages. The market is in their hands, they have absolute authority over the night hands, they have absolute authority over the night police, who are the servants of, and paid by, the university; and the consequence is, that Oxford by night is more decorous in conduct and more safely guarded than any town in England. It is true that the university has purchased this authority at a dear rate, for the annual police charge is very considerable; but any cost is defensible in order to keep checks on practices which would rain beyond question, if the management of the town by night, was in the hands of the deputies of the tag-rag and bobtail, who are ordinarily the municipal officers in country towns of these later days. It would be an incessant squabble and a grievous nuisance. an incessant squabble and a grievous nuisance. They who live in corporate towns know what a plague pot-house town councillors, vestry, and aldermen are, and one earnestly hopes that we may not light on those evil days in Oxford.

The rate for the New Museum on the chemistry professor's account was in reality, it seems, the payment of arrears on the scale of the annual grant to that functionary. It was useless, therefore, to oppose it, but it is worth while asking, as the to oppose it, but it is worth while asking, as the professor of chemistry exacts a tolerably heavy fee from those who use the laboratory, whether it is not worth while to try that this institution should be made self-supporting. The sums lavished on physical science of late years have been prodigious. Meanwhile, the legitimate and ancient studies and shoule of the sum of the sum of the late of the sum of schools of the university are far less gorgeously paved, nay, lie Lazarus-like at the gate of these enriched novelties. The examination-rooms for the old schools are mangy, unpainted, and dingy old places, some not even warmed. It might, perhaps, be fair that portions of the New

Museum should be employed for general academical

The volunteer movement is not, I am informed so popular among the undergraduates as it used to be, and fresh men, it is said, decline joining it, as they say they can do so after they have graduated. This is most likely a mere excuse for laziness, plenty of which is to be found in the university. There can be no time in their lives, when even after having devoted a fair share of their time to their studies, when they will have so much leisure for drill. It is stated that the introduction of this drill has had a marked and valuable effect on the conduct of young men, and has interfered with a good many bad practices at the place.

A work has lately appeared on the university of Oxford, from the pen of Mr. Rogers. I make no comment on it, as you may feel called on to notice it elsewhere. Mr. Rogers has lived for several years in Oxford, and is judged to be a gentleman of liberal views in relation to university reforms. Information on the status and distinguishing features of the university is much wanted, for the country at large is very ignorant about Oxford and its doings.

TRISH GOSSTP

Our metropolitan city has been in a lamentable state of suspense for the last fortnight, lest the Duke of Sutherland should die. It is neither his Grace's greatness nor goodness has weighed down the Irish spirit, however; but, as in great things and little, there are "wheels within wheels," our source of affliction resulted from a secondary cause. Our present amiable Viceroy happens, as you know, to be the Duke's brother-in-law, and as this is the season for levees and drawing-rooms, those who have fine things to sell, mournfully look at their while those who were expected to purchase and wear it, are equally dismal at the prospect of having to postpone their finery, since the Duke's death would necessitate that deplorable event. Englishmen, who know little of Ireland, would be astonlishmen, who know little of Ireland, would be astonished to learn the vast importance which is attached to the Castle entrée by individuals who, in other matters, pass for people of sense. In point of fact, the privilege of "going to the castle," is an answer in full as to the "gentility" of those who possess it, and many a paterfamilias and well-to-do country gentleman contemplates with horror the approach of "the drawing rooms." I may be wrong, but I fancy that this same courted privilege is a strong link in the chain of loyalty, and therefore that the often talk-ded "abolition of the vicerovalty" would often talked-of "abolition of the viceroyalty" would be a sort of cheese-paring which would turn out to be "penny wise and pound foolish," even in a polibe "penny wise and pound foolish," even in a poli-tical sense. Its importance may be overrated, but there can be no doubt that a popular and clever nobleman (and Lord Carlisle is both) can effect a great deal by his influence, tact, and "soft sawder" (pray excuse the word), in fostering good inten-tions or softening down those of a more doubtful quality. His Excellency, who is unquestionably one of the best and most gracefully effective after-dinner speakers I ever listened to can achieve and dinner speakers I ever listened to, can achieve, and does achieve, more good by a single one of his orations, than a dreary three nights' discussion in the House could ever have a chance to accomplish.

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of Sutherland, it must not be imagined that I think as lightly about it as I write, for the Duke, well descrives to be respected as an English noble of good capacity, considerable mental endowments, and a generous heart. Were it only in compliment to his immediate family connections, with the Duchess (a credit to the matronage of England at their head) no one would willingly say an offensive word; nor, indeed, would it be possible, for the tenor of his life was so even, and his habits and tastes so unobtrusive, that not calumny itself could. invent a charge which his acts would not refute His prolonged life, however, is a "God-send" to the shopocracy and aristocracy of Dublin; even the Lord Mayor himself was beginning to look blue lest "domestic affliction" should rob his inaugural banquet of that "star," who, in the words of a popular song, is wont

"To shine so near and yet so far."

In our scientific societies we are beginning to better ourselves, and more than one meeting has been held, at which clever papers have been read and interesting discussions ensued. The latest of these took place at the Dublin Chemical Society, on Tuesday, and I particularly notice it because the society itself is "a step in the right direction," and was specially established by middle-class non-scientific men, headed by a few magnates of good sense and patriotic feeling of the right sort (of whom Lord Talbot de Malahide, the Henourable Mr. Veriker, Mr. Levinge, and others are the chiefs), in order to afford a good scientific education to young aspirants at a cheap rate. The principal director of this society is Professor Cameron, a man known over the scientific world of the great metropolis by his contributions to chemical literature, and whose paper on "Some Agricultural Problems," on Tuesday night, proved him to be a master of a very difficult branch of analytical science, which is now making that progress which it ought to have made years ago. A clever young Englishman settled amongst us, Mr. Tichborne, read also a most interesting paper on "Incandescence, and on the Magnesium Light," accompanied by some charming experiments, and the young "assistant chemist to the society," Mr. Emerson Reynolds, contributed an essay on "The Non-existence of Lime in Carbonated Waters," a recondite and difficult subject, which has had chemists by the ears for heaven knows how long, and which still remains a mystery—at least to me. I mention this scence particularly because all the speakers were young (Professor Cameron being about five-and-twenty, and his assistant seventeen), and I think it "looks well for Ireland" that its new generation are steadily turning their attention to the problems of science, and leaving politics and agitation in the background, and because it augurs well of the middle class when they encourage such efforts so munificently as in the present instance they do.

Our literature also shows symptoms of s In our scientific societies we are beginning to

trade, some of our most rising authors are men engaged in active commercial pursuits. I might instance Mr. Gilbert, the historian of Dublin, whose archæological knowledge is profound; Mr. Fitzpatrick, whose "Lives of Lord Cloneurry and Lady Morgan" are shortly to be succeeded by a "Memoir of Dr. Doyle," the celebrated "J. K. L." of past days, and who was unquestionably a man of great talent, whose influence extended far and wide; and Mr. E. L. A. Berwick, popular (at least in Ireland) as a novelist and dramatist, and whose latest comedicities, called "A Desperate Remedy," was played on Saturday night last at our Theatre Royal, amidst "roars of laughter," which, as I take it, were the sure signals of success. Its plot, too, it, were the sure signals of success. Its plot, too, I am happy to record, was not French, although it appeared to please a very crowded audience as much as if it came with the newest Parisian recommenda-

appeared to please a very crowded authence as a fit it came with the newest Parisian recommendation and stamp.

Apropos to literature, I may here mention an attempt which, I understand, is about to be made in Dublin, to establish a "Book Union," on the same plan as the art-unions at present existing. It is contemplated to have the subscription a shilling one, and to make the first prize £100, consisting of a neat book-case filled with the works of the best authors in the English language. If the scheme is carried out and succeeds—and I do not see why it should fail—it would be likely to be useful to authors, publishers, and booksellers, as it would in all probability be followed up by other "unions" in England and Scotland, in fact, wherever "art-unions" are established and have succeeded. What the details are, or what names are to be on the committee, I do not as yet know; but there are too many men of taste and patriotism amongst us, not to leave ample room to choose, when so creditables a project is set on foot.

CONTINENTAL GOSSIP.

Last Thursday week there was a grand gathering in the quadrangle of the College of the Four Nations of clergy and laity, of lawyers and civilians, of men of war and men of letters, anxious to be admitted into the "hall of the forty" to witness

the reception of the remowned Dominican, Father Lacordaire, into the French Academy. His election was contrary to the wishes of persons high in rank, and the manifestation had something in it political as well as literary. The admission was, or rather was to be, by ticket, and some of the more curious provided with this entrée were on the ground by ten o'clock, cold as the morning was, and waited until noon, the hour announced for the opening of the classical portals. Noon came, and no bolt was withdrawn and no hinge creaked. The queue, as it is called, was by this time as long as the tail of the see serfent, and as demonstrative in it its motions as when this mythical monster lashes the waves within range of a Yankee telescope. A French queue is patient enough up to a certain point, but beyond that point it begins to wag more after the manner of the queue don't wag, the tongue wags, and the impatience of the multitude was variously expressed, but in terms anything but complimentary to the academicians and their arrangements. The most impatient were the gentlemen of the press; and he who represents the Siècle tore up his ticket and left the ground, an example which was not, however, generally followed. Two o'clock came, and the doors were opened to swallow up some lucky score or so, and then were they slammed in the faces of all the others. There was a wail from the gentility of St. Germain, and sacrés, like the noise of a saw-mill, proceeded from the lingual organs of the plebeians of the Latin quarter. The fact was that the hail of the academy had been packed on the sty, to use a slang expression, and the various members of the queue had to betake themselves to where they could thaw their frozen members and cool down their wrath.

The interest of the day rested in the Dominican presenting himself in the white robe and black gown of his order, and with shaven crown, to pronounce the eulogium of his predecessor, M. de Tocqueville, and to have the reception given him by M. Guizot. This is the first time that a monk has been elected to one of the forty chairs in the academy, and that which enhanced the interest of the ceremony was that the shaven monk should be received by the Protestant historian. The pharmacy of literature in these days makes these opposite elements compatibles. Both Father Lacordaire and Guizot were eloquent, according to the measure of French eloquence, which is so perfectly stereotyped that it has not greatly advanced or receded since the days of Mazarin. The orations are, however, well worth reading; Guizot's of the two is perhaps the more finished, but we should have preferred listening to the torrential eloquence of the Dominican. And now the forty fauteuils are provided with occupants. The dean of the academy, in point of age, is the Duke Pasquier. As to the academy itself, it has, like our own Royal Society seen its best days. It is no longer the supreme's arbiter in questions of literary taste; its laws, however sound, are not so binding on the scribe as in former days, and exclusion from a vacant chair does not now sour a philosopher, nor make a poet's heart

Speaking of the "forty" reminds one of the "eighty"—the number of printing establishments in Paris. Eighty printing-houses supply all the literary wants of the million odd of Paris, from the bulletins of the academy to the label of a lucifermatch box. The "eighty" is a close corporation protected by law, and paying dearly in its liberties for its protection. That, however, is not our affair. We have simply to register that the "Société des Protes de France" have opened their usual annual session. The protes (from the Greek **epares) are the overseers of the different printing-houses. The society is of the nature of a mutual benefit society. It was founded in 1847, and may be regarded as a Typographic Academy, having for its object the preserving pure and entire all the sound traditions of the typographic art.

There was held, too, on the 18th instant, the general annual meeting of the union of printers, publishers, and paper-makers. The report speaks favourably of the condition of the book-trade. On the great rag question it observes:—"Rags, this matter of first necessity in the manufacture of paper, which no other material has yet replaced, is not

produced at pleasure; it is the residue of our households, and France does not supply enough of it for its own consumption. Thus its exportation is protected. The English manufacturers have demanded the suppression of the protective duties. The Government thought it could not refuse a diminution at least in the tariff, and a law has been proposed to this effect. Through the objections we made to the Minister, he considered that an inquiry should be made, and the bill has been adjourned."

Another society will commence its session in February—the Anthropological, under the presidency of M. Béclard, who succeeds M. Isidore Geoffrey St. Hilaire. It was founded in 1859, and has for its object the study of the human race. It

publishes a journal and reports of its proceedings.

The past winter—if, indeed, it has passed—will have its meteorological as well as social history. In a physical point of view it belongs to the class of exceptional or abnormal winters, of which there are numbers on record, distinguished by their severity or mildness. France, though situated in the tem perate zone, has for ages been visited by winters of extreme severity or extreme mildness—extremes which we islanders have rarely experienced. For examples of severe winters—a few among many— in 358 the winter was so cold that the Emperor Julian had his apartments in his palace at Paris warmed with charcoal, and narrowly escaped being suffocated. In 874 the snow began to fall on the 1st of September, and lasted to the vernal equinox. In 1408 the cold was so intense that this was called the "great winter." The ink was frozen in the pen immediately it was withdrawn from the inkstand, notwithstanding there were fires in the room. In 1420 numbers perished of cold, and in the streets of Paris the wolves disputed the corpses of the dead. In 1434 it began to snow in Paris the 31st December, and lasted for eighty-one days. It snowed this year forty days and nights consecutively. In 1458 wine was frozen in the cellars. In 1476 the cold caused the clocks to stop. In 1667 there was great cold, and wood was so dear that it sold at thirty-five sous a bundle. In 1709 there was cold and famine. Oaten bread was seen on the tables of the rich, and Louis XIV. had to remit nine millions of taxes. The thermometer descended to 14 deg. below zero. In 1748 the thermometer descended to 30 deg. below zero in the eastern provinces. In 1748 many travellers perished in the snow, and the cold was so intense that bells were broken in ringing them. In 1789 the pear trees were frozen in the north of France, and birds died in their flight. The winter of the year 1812 is memorable for its severity, and the disastrous retreat from Moscow.

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On the other hand, in 1172 there was bird-nesting in February. In 1183 the fruit-trees were in flower in December, and the vine in February. In 1289 the girls of Cologue were seen wearing roses on Christmas-day and violets on Epiphany, gathered from the meadows of the Rhine. In 1440 there were ripe cherries in April, and in 1420 new wine was drank in Metz. In 1505 there were only five days' frost, and at Christmas the girls of Lorrain wore roses and violets in their boddices. In 1526 there were pears at Midsummer, plums and apples. In 1540 the cherries were ripe in Brittany in March; the harvest was made in June, and the vintage in August. In 1659 there was neither snow nor frost, and in 1672 the trees were in leaf in January, and in February the birds began to build. In 1692 no stoves were required in winter; and in 1783 all was in flower as in August. The last mild winter on record was that of 1822, when peas were in bloom in December, and rye cut before Midsummer.

OBITUARY.

W. Russell, Esq., Q.C.—We have to record the death of an old "Quarterly" reviewer, Mr. James Russell, Q.C., who died a week or two ago at Roxeth House, near Harrow-on-the-Hill. We believe he was a native of Stirling, and was educated at Glasgow. Coming to London, he was called to the bar and engaged in reporting cases for the Lord Chancellor's Court; seven volumes of legal reports, extending from 1827 to 1834, attest his industry. Mr. Russell also deserves notice in our literary obituary as having been for many years editor of the "Annual Register." Increasing blindness had

compelled him to retire from the active business of his profession some eight years before his death. He has left a family of five daughters and three sons.

The death is just announced of Mr. Saunders, late senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Saunders and Otley, publishers, of Conduit Street. He has died in his eightieth year, and he had long retired from all active connection with the business.

Sir Hugh Lyon Playfair, LL.D.—It is with much regret that we place on record here the loss of Colonel Sir Hugh Lyon Playfair, LL.D., which happened a few days ago at his residence, St. Leonard's College, St. Andrews, Scotland, in 75th year of his age. His name has been unforfortunately confounded by some of our contemporaries with that of his still more distinguished nephew, Dr. Lyon Playfair, C.B., the celebrated chemist and Secretary to the Government Department of Science and Art at Kensington. The late Sir Hugh Playfair was been at St. Andrews, in 1786, and studied mathematics and fortification at Woolwich before entering into the service of the East India Company, and obtaining a commission in the Bengal Artillery, which he did about the year 1803. He rose to the rank of Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel, and then retired from the active duties of his profession. In 1842 he was appointed Provost of St. Andrews, which post he occupied down to the time of his lamented death. According to the "County Families," he married in 1820 Jane, daughter of W. Dalgleish, Esq., who survives him.

ADMIRAL CHAPPELL.—We have to record the decease of a valuable public servant, and a man of high scientific attainments, in the person of Rear-Admiral Edward Chappell, which happened last week in Charlwood Street, Pimlico, at the age of sixty-eight. O'Byrne, in his "Naval Biography," gives a detailed account of his naval services, from the year 1804, when he entered the profession, down to 1822, in which year he distinguished himself by saving the crew and passengers of the Thames, East Indiaman, wrecked off Beechy Head, for which he was rewarded by the thanks of the East India Company and a handsome service of plate. Having held the command of the steampacket establishment of the Post-Office, first at Millord Haven, and subsequently at Liverpool, in 1840, we find him commissioned by the Government to take the screw-steamship Archimedes on a trial voyage round the coasts of England, for the purpose of testing and reporting on the properties of the screw-propeller, which has since become of such general application. Soon afterwards he gave to the public an account of this voyage and of the results of the experiment, in a book which was deservedly popular. Admiral Chappell, on account of the high order of his scientific acquirements, was frequently called upon to give evidence before parliamentary committees, upon technical matters connected with the practical application of steam to the purposes of navigation; and on one occasion we believe that he was commissioned by the authorities of the Board of Trade to prepare the rough draft of an "Act of Parliament for the regulation of steam to the purpose of navigation; and on one occasion we believe that he was commissioned by the authorities of the Board of Trade to prepare the rough draft of an "Act of Parliament for the regulation of steam to the duties of which office he continued to discharg etill within a recent date. Weought not to omit to add that, in 1817, Admiral (then lieutenant) Chappell published an interesting "Narrative of a Visit to Newfoundland and the

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